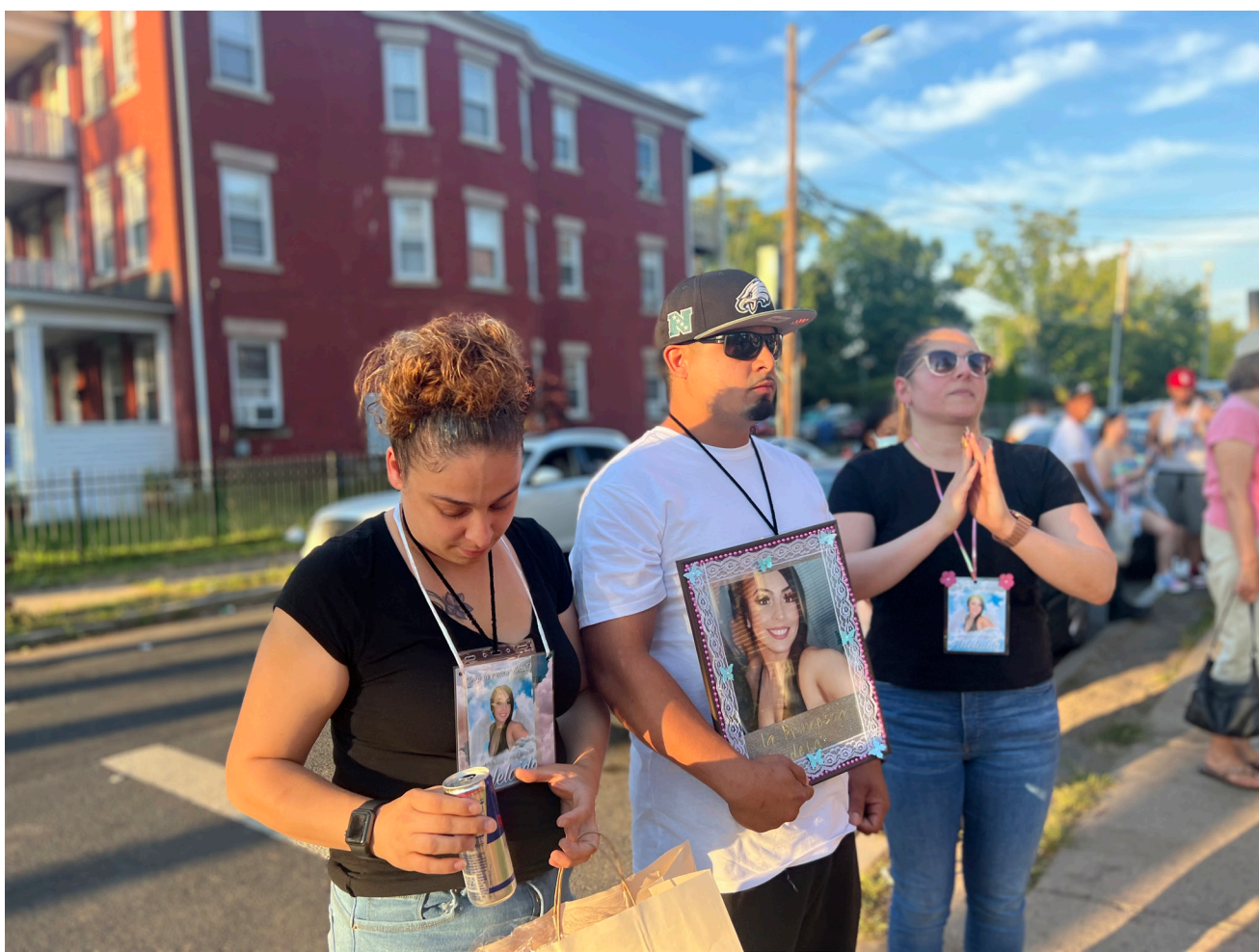


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Three of Adelaida Latorres-Toro's eight siblings — Kathleen Fuentes, right, Carlos Hernandez, center, and Gladys Santiago — speak about their sister during a vigil Thursday held in her memory outside 73 Colonial St., where 29-year-old Latorres-Toro was fatally shot Aug. 6. No charges had been filed in the case as of 1 p.m. Sunday. **PHOTOS BY TAYLOR HARTZ/HARTFORD COURANT**

Slain woman's siblings vow to fight for justice

Hartford family holds vigil for 'princess,' 29

By Taylor Hartz
Hartford Courant

The family of the 29-year-old woman shot to death in her Colonial Street apartment just over a week ago said that Adelaida Lattores-Toro was “the princess” of their family, the favorite aunt and a dedicated health care worker with dreams of becoming a mother.

Lattores-Toro's sister Kathleen Fuentes raced to Colonial Street on the night of Aug. 6 after fielding dozens of calls from her sister that day. The calls, she said, stopped abruptly at 6 p.m., and more than 30 calls to her sister went unanswered.

Worried about Lattores-Toro, Fuentes said she tried to go check on her sister in the third-floor apartment she was sharing with her new boyfriend. Police officers were everywhere, red and blue lights flashing all along the street, their flashlights lighting up the twilight sky.

“I tried to describe my sister to them, to tell them what she looked like, but I already knew. I knew that my sister was dead,” she said.

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On Thursday, loved ones of Adelaida Latorres-Toro held candles and photos of her, wrote memorial messages on their cars and collected donations from passersby for the family as they mourned outside the apartment where she was killed.

“She grew up in the church. She had a pure heart and was a very, very good person who always made sure everyone around her was OK.”

— Carlos Hernandez, brother of Adelaida lattores-Toro

These kidneys see less stigma

More infected with hepatitis B are being used in transplants

By Ed Stannard
Hartford Courant

John Pollard has been living with a transplanted kidney since June 2019.

His old kidney, worn out by high blood pressure, was working at 10%, and he was on dialysis.

What was different about Pollard's transplant, compared with most of the record 24,669 kidney transplants performed in the United States last year, is that his donor had hepatitis B.

Pollard, 65, who lives in Groton, said he “had high blood pressure since ... probably in my teens, but it wasn't diagnosed. One of those genetic freaks, I was always pretty healthy until I was 60.”



A continual need for organ donations, combined with the opioid epidemic that is helping spread hepatitis B and other infections, have made using kidneys that are positive for hepatitis B a more appealing option for transplant surgeons, such as Dr. Glyn Morgan, chief of transplant surgery at Hartford Hospital.

“This is an area where a lot of transplant centers around the country are still struggling with, but we've been using them for several years very safely,” Morgan said. Using organs that are positive for hepatitis B allows for “the utilizing of these organs from donors that might be discarded or set aside.”

There is a risk, but it's small, Morgan said. “The risk is, could you transmit the hepatitis B virus to the recipient during surgery?” he said. Yes, it's possible, but many, such as Pollard, have been vaccinated against hepatitis B because they're on dialysis, and those who get the disease can be treated easily with common drugs.

Pollard learned about getting on the transplant list while he was on dialysis for two years. “You just kind of educate yourself, why you're in there, why you're going through it,” he said. He learned he could register to get on the transplant list maintained by the United Network for Organ Sharing. Both Hartford Hospital and Yale New

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Some rioters try to profit from cases

Websites call Jan. 6 defendants patriots or political prisoners

By Michael Kunzelman
Associated Press

Facing prison time and dire personal consequences for storming the U.S. Capitol, some Jan. 6 defendants are trying to profit from their participation in the deadly riot, using it as a platform to drum up cash, promote business endeavors and boost social media profiles.

A Nevada man jailed on riot charges asked his mother to contact publishers for a book he was writing about “the Capitol incident.”

A rioter from Washington state helped his father hawk clothes

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Dr. Simone Gold, an anti-vaccine medical doctor who pleaded guilty to illegally entering the Capitol, founded a nonprofit that raised over \$430,000 for her legal expenses. Gold received a two-month jail sentence. **JOHN CLANTON/TULSA WORLD 2021**

CCC creates pipeline to HBCU in Atlanta

Program working to bridge opportunity gaps in Black community

By Deidre Montague
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — When CJ Hyman received his initial acceptance letter to Western Connecticut State University, he thought that his college plans were set in stone.

However, tuition costs would become a barrier that was too high for him to climb, and he had to find another alternative to keep his dreams of college alive.

Once Hyman told the college counselor about his situation, they recommended that he apply for the Capital Community College Bridge

to Morehouse College program.

The community college established the partnership with Morehouse College, a historically Black college in Atlanta. The goal is for male students enrolled in the bridge program to be able to smoothly transition to Morehouse once they graduate with their associate degree with a minimum GPA of 2.7.

The agreement is the only one between the HBCU and a community college in New England, according to Capital Community College. The program begins this fall semester and is for full-time students.

Morehouse College is known for its successful Black graduates, including the Rev. Dr. Martin

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Four battling to be UConn's QB

With UConn less than two weeks away from its opener against Utah State, coach Jim Mora is focusing in on who will be his starting quarterback. **Sports, Page 1**

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POLICE BRIEFS

Restaurant owner charged with murder in shooting

WATERBURY — A restaurant owner has been arrested and charged with murder following a shooting outside of his business early Saturday.

Michael Anderson, 61, was charged with murder, first degree reckless endangerment and unlawful discharge of a firearm after a shooting outside of Mikey’s Jamaican Restaurant on East Main Street in Waterbury.

At about 1:40 a.m. Saturday, police found 28-year-old Sebastian Olavarria of Waterbury lying on the ground with a gunshot wound outside of the restaurant, which police said is owned by Anderson.

Police said Anderson and Olavarria had gotten into an altercation when Anderson allegedly pulled out a gun and shot Olavarria. Olavarria was transported to Saint Mary’s Hospital, where he later died.

Anderson is being held on \$2 million bond. Waterbury police are investigating the

incident and are asking anyone with information to contact the Waterbury Police Department’s Detective Bureau at 203-574-6941 or Crime Stoppers at 203-755-1234.

— Staff

State Police cruiser struck by minivan on I-691

MERIDEN — A Connecticut State Police cruiser en route to an accident was struck by a minivan on Interstate 691 in Meriden on Saturday night.

A State Police trooper was driving in the right lane on I-691 westbound, east of Exit 4 in Meriden, at about 9:30 p.m. when his vehicle was struck by a minivan that merged into his lane, according to CSP Troop I.

Trooper Yaroslav Lukashenko had his lights activated and was responding to a motor vehicle accident on I-84 east near Exit 32, where it was reported that someone was threatening someone else with a weapon, police said. As Lukashenko was passing a Toyota Sienna, the minivan changed lanes

to the right. The rear passenger side of the Toyota, driven by a 48-year-old Sandy Hook woman, hit the front driver’s side of the cruiser, police said. No injuries were reported in the crash.

The woman was cited with failure to maintain a lane, police said.

— Taylor Hartz

Human remains found in Waterbury

WATERBURY — Human remains were found behind a commercial property on Friday night, Waterbury police said.

Officers responded to Judd Street in Waterbury just before 8 p.m. Friday after a report of human remains found. Officers confirmed a human skull and bones in the area.

Police said a property owner was cleaning an outdoor area in the back of a commercial property when he spotted the bones and called police.

The incident is being investigated by Waterbury police detectives, the forensics

unit and the Connecticut Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

— Taylor Hartz

Driver killed in an early morning crash

CHESHIRE — A driver was killed early Sunday in a one-vehicle crash, police said.

Police responded to the area of Diamond Hill Road and South Meriden Road at about 5 a.m. and found a single vehicle that had crashed, according to Cheshire police. The driver had died at the scene due to injuries sustained in the crash before officers arrived, police said. The driver has not yet been identified.

The Cheshire Police Traffic Division and the Naugatuck Valley Collision Investigation Team were on the scene investigating the crash Sunday morning. The area of Diamond Hill Road and South Meriden Road were closed to all traffic for several hours as they investigated, police said.

— Taylor Hartz

College

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Luther King Jr., Sen. Raphael Warnock, Spike Lee and Samuel L. Jackson. These are the historic footsteps that Hyman said he is looking to follow this fall as a part of Capital’s cohort of Black male students enrolled in the Bridge program.

Campus Chief Executive Officer Dr. G. Duncan Harris said there are skills the students will acquire on their road to becoming scholars.

“Whether that’s doing research, whether that’s the importance of being able to think critically and listen critically. The writing ability or ... leadership, the concepts of your role in your community,” Harris said. “There’s a part of this program that is really designed to provide participants with all of those skills that they’ll need so that when they go to Morehouse two years from now, they will be prepared to continue to excel at that institution.”

Harris said the program also is intended to shift the narrative around Black men within the community.

“Unfortunately, there are a lot of negative things going on in our community right now, spikes in violence [and] other things that take away from the strength of our community,” he said.

“This [program] is something that people have been very interested in and very, very proud of. And I think that’s what they represent, too,” Harris said. “When I look at CJ, there’s nothing that makes me more proud, and four years from now, [when] he’s walking across the stage at Morehouse with his maroon and white on, he also probably has a Capital T-shirt underneath. That’s a part of his journey.”



Founded in 1867, Morehouse College — originally known as Augusta Institute — is an all-male school in Atlanta. Notable figures such as Martin Luther King Jr., Samuel L. Jackson and Spike Lee were all Morehouse men. FILE

Harris also noted that “there’s a lot of talk about equity,” and he thinks “a lot of times [for] Black men in particular, there [are] these opportunity gaps, where sometimes they don’t always have the same opportunities as others, so here’s an amazing opportunity specifically designed for them to make sure that they can achieve [in] their future, which should be bright. They are entitled to that.”

Bridge program coordinator Ashley Coleman said an important element of the program is providing exposure for the students about how impactful HBCUs have been in helping the Black community as a whole.

“I realized being from the Northeast having gone to an HBCU that there are still quite a few people in general, but even Black

people who are not aware of HBCUs for their presence, their purpose, the profound impact they’ve had on the Black community,” Coleman said.

“So if CJ and all of the young men move up this cohort ... if they are passing on this knowledge of this experience and the impact it’s had on them, if it does nothing but increase the awareness that these institutions are here, why they’re here, what they’ve done, then I feel as though my job is done. So I’m really excited for them,” Coleman said.

Some of the additional supports the male members in the cohort have access to include guest lectures and alumni from Morehouse and other HBCUs, education

on the history of HBCUs, a college visit to Morehouse College in Georgia, and one-on-one academic/life coaching, monthly group meetings, according to CCC leaders.

“We intend to bring the cohort down to Atlanta so that they can tour this campus, and now I’ve seen the college that I intend to go to, but just to be in the present,” Coleman said. “We’ve shared some clips of videos of what some of the bands and the drumline looks like [at an] HBCU. ... The purpose of you being there is to fuel your education, but it’s also fun at the same time, [as] you enjoy some of the same foods and music. There’s nothing like that.

Bridge coordinator Brittney Cooper said that, for the young men traveling to visit Morehouse, it will be a life-changing experience.

“I think being in that space is going to be a game changer for them. To see and to know that there are people who look like them who are going on to be doctors, astronauts, engineers and business owners ... that’s what our young need ... to really just sit in their Blackness and be OK with that,” Cooper said.

Hyman said his advice for other young men who may be interested in applying for the Bridge to Morehouse program in the future is to “just explore every option that you have.

“There’s a lot of opportunities that you might skip over that you don’t ask someone to just to do some research about it,” he said “If I had never done any research about this program, and I just paid the 30K that [Western] wanted me to pay, I wouldn’t be able to have the opportunity to explore more of the world. I’ve never been to Georgia before so it’s going to be a new experience.”

For more information about the Bridge to Morehouse program, email ca-ccc-btm@ccc.commnet.edu.

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DCF worker charged with helping a mom avoid arrest

By Taylor Hartz
Hartford Courant

Hartford police charged a Department of Children and Families social worker with helping a mother, wanted on sex trafficking charges, escape arrest.

The mother, who was not named by police, was visiting with her 4-year-old child at the Department of Children and Families' Hartford office at 250 Hamilton Street when police arrived at the office to arrest her on an active warrant on a child sex trafficking charge, according to the Hartford Police Department.

The mother was only allowed to have visits

with her child at the office under the supervision of 42-year-old social worker Melisa Roberson.

When police asked to speak to the mother, staff in the building wouldn't allow it. According to police, Roberson then snuck the mother and child out a back door, loaded them into a vehicle and took them to another location.

"Roberson was aware that the female's parental rights had been removed due to the investigation of suspected child abuse and sex trafficking," Hartford Police Department spokesperson Lt. Aaron Boisvert said in a statement late Saturday.

DCF workers were eventually able to convince Roberson to return to the facil-

ity, where she was immediately taken into custody and charged with first-degree hindering prosecution and risk of injury to a minor, police said.

The mother also returned to the facility and was arrested on the warrant, according to police. Information on her identity or the charges she faces were not immediately available.

The 4-year-old was safely returned to their foster parent, police said.

According to the Department of Children and Families, the department has a dedicated unit that processes background checks on those working with children.

The department searches the department's

central registry and child abuse and neglect history for anyone who will be "working or providing a service directly or indirectly to children and/or families" through the department.

Court records do not show any criminal background, in pending or resolved cases, for Roberson in Connecticut.

Public records show that Roberson's social worker license was most recently issued in 2021 and was up to date through the end of August, when it was set to expire.

Both Robertson and the mother were taken to detention facilities for processing, and the investigation was ongoing, police said.

Transplant

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Haven Hospital transplant organs positive for hepatitis B.

When he was offered a positive kidney, "I kind of hesitated, but you know it was explained to me that you had the shot so you won't contract it. So I said, what the heck. I wouldn't recommend being on dialysis to anybody."

Dialysis, which requires hours-long sessions three times a week, can be a source of infection, which is why patients are vaccinated against hepatitis B and other diseases. Pollard did not become positive for hepatitis, he said.

"Everything went smoothly," he said. "It's an unbelievable experience considering what you go through." In fact, the surgery went more smoothly than most.

"Usually when you get a kidney it takes sometimes a few days to be able to urinate and get it going," Pollard said. "I was peeing all over the operating table."

Afterward, "all you've got to do is take your meds and drink a lot of water like they

tell you," he said. Now his blood pressure always comes back normal. The kidney is "working properly instead of struggling," he said. "The kidneys and the heart, they work together."

Dr. Faiga Cheema, medical director for infection prevention and epidemiology at Hartford HealthCare, recently published a paper in the journal Transplant Infectious Diseases describing giving hepatitis B-positive kidneys to eight patients.

"The number of [end-stage kidney disease] patients awaiting [kidney transplantation] far exceeds the number of organ donations globally and leads to a problem of organ shortage," she wrote.

"We did this project basically because dialysis patients have an increased risk of death and morbidity while they're hooked up to the machine," Cheema said. "The longer you are on dialysis and connected to the machines, it can shorten your life by up to 10 years."

Patients are vulnerable to infections, heart disease, electrolyte imbalances and arrhythmia, she said.

"Our study looks at taking donors that have passed away that may have been infected with acute hepatitis B," she said. "It's one of

the solutions that we have to overcome this challenge of a shortage of organ donation."

Cheema said patients were chosen who were immunized against hepatitis B because the risks haven't been "studied long term." Out of eight patients, two later developed antibodies in their blood, called seroconversion.

"They did not have any evidence of the virus replicating because the antiviral stopped it, and it did not have any impact on their kidney function long term," she said.

"The reason why we can do this is because we live in an era where we have strong and effective hepatitis B vaccines and really effective treatments or antiviral therapies."

Using infected kidneys is important because people in need "would otherwise be waiting a long time or [would] die while waiting on the list." More hepatitis B-positive kidneys are available because "sadly, we have an opioid crisis," Cheema said, and the disease is spread through intravenous drug use and sexual transmission.

"Most of these organs are from young kids who unfortunately pass away from drug overdoses, but they have really healthy organs," she said. While some patients are reluctant, "at Hartford HealthCare we participate in a

lot of patient education on removing stigma," she said.

Morgan said in order for a patient to receive a kidney from a hepatitis B-positive donor, "they have to have what we would consider the protective level of antibodies in their system," either through vaccination or from having had hepatitis B themselves.

The antiviral medications used to treat any cases of hepatitis "are highly effective," Morgan said. "You give them the therapy and the therapy is 98 to 99% effective."

At Hartford Hospital, "We routinely, for any patient that we put in this program, we say, yes, we would be interested in accepting or entertaining organs of hepatitis B-positive donors," Morgan said. He said when he looks at some other transplant centers, "the list of people eligible or declared interest is very much smaller."

He said the program has been a success. "So far, so good. Everyone has done well," he said. "We've had no evidence of hepatitis B infections in any of these patients, and they're doing well with their kidneys."

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Siblings

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Latorres-Toro was the princess of their large family, three girls and six boys all born and raised in Hartford. At a vigil on Thursday, family and friends crowded the sidewalk wearing photos of Latorres-Toro around their necks that showed the young woman adorned with angel wings in a bright blue sky filled with billowing clouds.

Her closest loved ones, her siblings, held framed portraits of their beloved little sister, including one that read: "la princesa," or "the princess." The frame was decorated with pink beads, white lace and blue butterflies.

At 29 years old, Latorres-Toro's siblings said she was already successful and had dreams of an even brighter future. She worked multiple jobs as an assistant at local nursing homes, where she had found her calling in caring for the elderly and the ill, her sister said.

Her siblings said she loved to help people.

"She grew up in the church. She had a pure heart and was a very, very good person who always made sure everyone around her was OK," said her brother Carlos Hernandez.

She'd earned her degree from Capital Community College and was working at an assisted living facility in West Hartford at the time of her death. She had just bought a new Jeep Compass, her brother said, and had dreams of building her own family someday, getting married and having children.

In the meantime, she proudly held the title of "favorite aunt," said her older sister Gladys Santiago.

She doted over her nieces and nephews, especially Gladys Santiago's 17-year-old son and 10-year-old daughter whom she babysat and spent time with as often as she could.

"She always liked to babysit my kids on the weekend so they had that special bond. Now that they don't have her, it's very hard," said Santiago. "She was just a happy girl, always with a smile on her face, always liked to be free and very social. And she loved her family."

Fuentes said that her sister was on a great path to achieving her goals, but those plans were all stolen from her when she was killed.

"She wanted to have a family of her own, and she was trying so hard to get where she wanted to be at," said Fuentes, fighting back tears.

The Hartford Police Department has not yet announced any arrests in connection to her death. Her family said they fear she was a victim of domestic violence. Her death is the 25th homicide in Hartford in 2022, according to police.



Family and friends gather Thursday for a vigil in memory of 29-year-old Adelaida Latorres-Toro, who was shot to death inside her home at 73 Colonial St. on Aug. 6. **PHOTOS BY TAYLOR HARTZ/HARTFORD COURANT**



The Rev. Henry Brown, a founder of Mothers United Against Violence, leads the prayer vigil.

Police responded to 73 Colonial St. around 9:15 p.m. on Aug. 6 after receiving a 911 call that a person had been shot. Officers found Latorres-Toro suffering from a gunshot wound inside the house. She was pronounced dead at the scene, police said.

Latorres-Toro died of a gunshot wound to her chest, and her death was ruled a homicide, according to the Connecticut Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

About 11 p.m. on the night of the shooting, officers said they had detained one

person for questioning. Police have not since confirmed whether that person was released or remained detained.

No charges had been filed in the case as of 1 p.m. on Sunday, and no further information about the circumstances of the shooting was available, police said.

Latorres-Toro's family said that they remained hopeful that charges would be filed soon and that justice would be served.

Police did not confirm the connection between the person they had detained and Latorres-Toro, saying it was an ongoing investigation. Police also had not commented on whether the death was the result of domestic violence.

At the vigil, held at 6 p.m. Thursday by the faith-based justice advocacy organization Mothers United Against Violence, the Rev. Henry Brown, a founder of the organization, comforted the family in prayer as dozens of candles sat on the sidewalk near the apartment complex, nearby cars painted with Latorres-Toro's name.

"We lost another angel in this community," said Brown. "She was an angel. She didn't do anything wrong to anyone. People should come out to support this family."

He encouraged the family to talk about her, to "make her name mean something" and to commemorate her every August in their own way.

At the vigil, family and friends of Latorres-Toro were collecting donations from passersby. Her sister organized a GoFundMe at to help the family with the message "anything would help." As of Sunday, the family had raised \$3,740 of their \$10,000 goal.

Latorres-Toro's family said they will fight for justice for their sister and plan to go to every court date when charges are filed in connection to her death.

"I'm not going to give up," said Fuentes. "My mom was a soldier to nine kids. We're built for that."

"I have faith that I will get justice because I promised that to my little sister."

Earlier this year, police were investigating another shooting at the same apartment building that remains unsolved. On a Saturday night in May, a man in his 20s was shot at 73 Colonial Street, according to police.

According to Hartford property records, the building is a nine-unit apartment complex owned by Broad Partners LLC, which is based in Brooklyn, New York.

The Hartford Police Major Crimes and Crime Scene Divisions were leading both investigations, which are both ongoing. Police had not provided any information about whether the two shootings were connected.

Anyone with information about either shooting is asked to contact the Hartford Police Department tip line at 860-722-8477.

Rioters

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and other merchandise bearing slogans such as "Our House" and images of the Capitol building.

A Virginia man released a rap album with riot-themed songs and a cover photograph of him sitting on a police vehicle outside the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

Those actions are sometimes complicating matters for defendants when they face judges at sentencing as prosecutors point to the profit-chasing activities in seeking tougher punishments. The Justice Department, in some instances, is trying to claw back money that rioters have made off the insurrection.

In one case, authorities have seized tens of thousands of dollars from a defendant who sold his footage from Jan. 6. In another case, a Florida man's plea deal allows the U.S. government to collect profits from any book he gets published over the next five years. And prosecutors want a Maine man who raised more than \$20,000 from supporters to surrender some of the money because a taxpayer-funded public defender is representing him.

Many rioters have paid a steep personal

price for their actions Jan. 6. At sentencing, rioters often ask for leniency on the grounds that they already have experienced severe consequences for their crimes.

They lost jobs or entire careers. Marriages fell apart. Friends and relatives shunned them or even reported them to the FBI. Strangers have sent them hate mail and online threats. And they have racked up expensive legal bills to defend themselves against federal charges ranging from misdemeanors to felonies.

Websites and crowdfunding platforms set up to collect donations for Capitol riot defendants try to portray them as mistreated patriots or even political prisoners.

An anti-vaccine medical doctor who pleaded guilty to illegally entering the Capitol founded a nonprofit that raised more than \$430,000 for her legal expenses. The fundraising appeal by Dr. Simone Gold's group, America's Frontline Doctors, didn't mention her guilty plea, prosecutors noted.

Before sentencing Gold to two months behind bars, U.S. District Judge Christopher Cooper called it "unseemly" that her nonprofit invoked the Capitol riot to raise money that also paid for her salary. Prosecutors said in court papers that it "beggars belief" that she incurred anywhere close to \$430,000 in legal

costs for her misdemeanor case.

Another rioter, a New Jersey gym owner who punched a police officer during the siege, raised more than \$30,000 in online donations for a "Patriot Relief Fund" to cover his mortgage payments and other monthly bills. Prosecutors cited the fund in recommending a fine for Scott Fairlamb, who is serving a prison sentence of more than three years.

Robert Palmer, a Florida man who attacked police officers at the Capitol, asked a friend to create a crowdfunding campaign for him online after he pleaded guilty. After seeing the campaign to "Help Patriot Rob," a probation officer calculating a sentencing recommendation for Palmer didn't give him credit for accepting responsibility for his conduct. Palmer conceded that a post for the campaign falsely portrayed his conduct on Jan. 6. Acceptance of responsibility can help shave months or even years off a sentence.

"When you threw the fire extinguisher and the plank at the police officers, were you acting in self-defense?" asked U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan.

"No, ma'am, I was not," Palmer said before the judge sentenced him to more than five years in prison.

A group calling itself the Patriot Freedom

Project says it has raised more than \$1 million in contributions and paid more than \$665,000 in grants and legal fees for families of Capitol riot defendants.

In April, a New Jersey-based foundation associated with the group filed an IRS application for tax-exempt status. As of early August, an IRS database doesn't list the foundation as a tax-exempt organization. The Hughes Foundation's IRS application says its funds "principally" will benefit families of Jan. 6 defendants, with about 60% of the donated money going to foundation activities. The rest will cover management and fundraising expenses, including salaries, it adds.

Jeremy Grace, who was sentenced to three weeks in jail for entering the Capitol, tried to profit off his participation by helping his dad sell T-shirts, baseball caps, water bottles, decals and other gear with phrases such as "Our House" and "Back the Blue" and images of the Capitol, prosecutors said.

Prosecutors said Grace's "audacity" to sell "Back the Blue" paraphernalia is "especially disturbing" because he watched other rioters confront police officers on Jan. 6. A defense lawyer, however, said Grace didn't break any laws or earn any profits by helping his father sell the merchandise.

Group of US lawmakers visits Taiwan

Expert says China likely to respond on heels of Pelosi's trip

By Johnson Lai and Ken Moritsugu
Associated Press

TAIPEI, Taiwan — A five-member congressional delegation arrived in Taiwan on Sunday, less than two weeks after a visit by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi prompted China to launch days of threatening military drills around the self-governing island that Beijing says must come under its control.

The U.S. delegation, led by Sen. Ed Markey, D-Mass., is expected to meet Monday with Taiwan's president, Tsai Ing-wen, and to consult with the foreign affairs and national defense committees of Taiwan's legislature, a statement by Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said.

China responded to Pelosi's Aug. 2 visit by sending missiles, warships and warplanes into the seas and skies around Taiwan for several days afterward.

The Chinese government objects to Taiwan having any official contact with foreign governments, particularly with a high-ranking leader like Pelosi.

A Taiwanese broadcaster showed video of a U.S. government plane landing Sunday night at Songshan Airport in Taipei, the Taiwanese capital.

Four members of the delegation were on the plane. Markey met with South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol earlier Sunday in South Korea before arriving in Taiwan on a separate flight at Taoyuan International Airport, which also serves Taipei.



Rep. John Garamendi, D-Calif., meets Taiwanese diplomat Douglas Yu-tien Hsu upon arriving Sunday at Songshan Airport in Taipei. The U.S. delegation is expected to meet with Taiwanese leader Tsai Ing-wen on Monday. **MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

Markey, who chairs the Senate Foreign Relations East Asia, Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Subcommittee, and members of the delegation will reaffirm the United States' support for Taiwan. The other members of the delegation are Republican Rep. Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen, a delegate from American Samoa, and Democratic House members John Garamendi and Alan Lowenthal, both from California, and Don Beyer from Virginia.

The visit was apparently planned months ago, said Bonnie Glaser, director of

the Asia program at the German Marshall Fund of the United States. "Many congressmen want to visit to show U.S. support," Glaser said.

Another congressional group is expected to visit Taiwan later this month, she added.

China is likely to respond to the congressional visit, said Charles Kupchan, professor of international relations at Georgetown University, who served on the National Security Council in the Obama administration.

"I expect Beijing to take steps to express its displea-

sure, like it did with Pelosi," he said. "This is how confrontation builds."

Chinese warplanes have continued crossing the midpoint of the Taiwan Strait on a daily basis even after the conclusion of the military exercises last week, with at least 10 doing so Sunday, Taiwan's Defense Ministry said. The 10 fighter jets were among 22 Chinese military aircraft and six naval ships detected in the area around Taiwan by 5 p.m. Sunday, the ministry said on its Twitter account.

A senior White House official on Asia policy said late last week that China

had used Pelosi's visit as a pretext to launch an intensified pressure campaign against Taiwan, jeopardizing peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait and in the broader region.

"China has overreacted, and its actions continue to be provocative, destabilizing and unprecedented," Kurt Campbell, a deputy assistant to President Joe Biden, said on a call with reporters.

"It has sought to disregard the centerline between the PRC and Taiwan, which has been respected by both sides for more than 60 years as a stabilizing feature," he said, using the acronym for

the country's full name, the People's Republic of China.

While Pelosi was the highest ranking U.S. official to make it to Taiwan in 25 years, visits by other members of Congress are common.

Pelosi noted that several senators, including the chair of the Foreign Relations Committee, Bob Menendez, D-N.J., had visited Taiwan this year without drawing a firestorm of criticism from Beijing.

The Wall Street Journal reported last week that Chinese President Xi Jinping told Biden shortly before Pelosi's visit that her trip would bring unspecified consequence, but also said he has no intention to go to war with the United States.

China accuses the U.S. of encouraging independence forces in Taiwan through its sale of military equipment to the island and engaging with its officials. The U.S. says it does not support independence for Taiwan but that its differences with China should be resolved by peaceful means.

China's ruling Communist Party has long said that it favors Taiwan joining China peacefully but that it will not rule out force if necessary. The two split in 1949 during a civil war in which the Communists took control of China and the losing Nationalists retreated to the island of Taiwan.

Campbell said the U.S. would send warships and planes through the Taiwan Strait in the next few weeks and is developing a roadmap for trade talks with Taiwan that he said the U.S. intends to announce in the coming days.

The New York Times and Bloomberg News contributed.

WAR IN UKRAINE

Shipload of grain heads to Ethiopia from Ukraine

On edge of famine, African nation 1 of 5 UN considers at risk

By Derek Gatopoulos
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — A U.N.-chartered ship loaded with 23,000 metric tons of Ukrainian grain destined for Ethiopia set sail Sunday from a Black Sea port, the first shipment of its kind in a program to assist countries facing famine.

The Liberia-flagged Brave Commander departed from the Ukrainian port of Yuzhne, east of Odesa, according to regional governor Maksym Marchenko. The ship plans to sail to Djibouti, where the grain will be unloaded and transferred to Ethiopia under the World Food Program initiative.

Ethiopia is on "the edge of famine," said Marianne Ward of the World Food Program, a U.N. agency.

"This food will make a huge difference for them," she said. "The big message for us is the world needs the food of Ukraine."

Ukraine and Russia

reached a deal with Turkey on July 22 to restart Black Sea grain deliveries, addressing the major export disruption that has occurred since Russia invaded Ukraine in February.

Ethiopia is 1 of 5 countries that the U.N. considers at risk of starvation and another 20 are on the "watch list for famine," said Denise Brown, U.N. humanitarian coordinator for Ukraine.

"The capacity is there. The grain is there. The demand is there across the world and in particular, these countries," Brown said. "So if the stars are aligned, we are very, very hopeful that all the actors around this agreement will come together on what is really an issue for humanity. So today was very positive."

Last year, Ukrainian grain is estimated to have fed 400 million people, Ward said, and the absence of shipments from Ukrainian ports blockaded by Russian warships in the Black Sea has had profound repercussions around the globe.

Prices have soared, and tens of millions of people, mostly in the Middle East and Africa, have been put at

risk of famine.

Earlier, crew members aboard the Brave Commander, which arrived in Ukraine from Istanbul last week, were busy readying the ship to sail as a large chute pumped golden wheat into the cargo hold.

The sailors said they had no concerns about safety, although they had expected to encounter more trouble when their ship docked in Ukraine.

"We were surprised because you have war in Ukraine," said a crew member from Syria who gave his name only as Mohammad. "But it wasn't difficult."

In other developments: ■ Russian forces fired rockets Sunday on the Mykolaiv region in southern Ukraine, killing at least one person. That region is just north of the Russian-occupied city of Kherson, which Ukrainian forces have vowed to retake.

The Ukrainian emergency service said one person was killed in shelling early Sunday of the village of Bereznehuva in Mykolaiv.

■ The Ukrainian company that oversees the nation's nuclear power plants,



Local residents, many of whom fled the war, gather Sunday in Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine, to hand out donated items to relatives in the territories occupied by Russia. **ANDRIY ANDRIYENKO/AP**

Energoatom, said that Russia had directed at least six shells at the town of Enerhodar, where most of the workers at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant live.

The town is under Russian occupation, and the Russians have blamed the Ukrainians for the shelling of the giant nuclear complex — Europe's largest — and nearby residential areas.

However, the Ukrainians have said that it is the Russians who are firing on

civilians, suggesting the intent is to discredit the Ukrainian army.

A statement Energoatom posted on Telegram identified the employee of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant who was killed as Marko Maksym Petrovych and said that two other workers were injured and were receiving medical care.

The shelling in and around the plant in recent days has set off a flight of civilians from the area.

The Zaporizhzhia plant

is the first active nuclear power complex to be caught up in a combat zone.

The United States and European Union have called for the establishment of a demilitarized zone, as the fighting in and around the plant and its active reactors and stored nuclear waste has sparked grave concern that an errant strike and resulting fire could cause a melt-down or release radiation.

The New York Times contributed.

No sign that Trump declassified seized documents properly, Schiff says

By Katia Dmitrieva
Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — A senior Democratic lawmaker said he hasn't seen any evidence that materials the FBI seized from Donald Trump's home were properly declassified, casting doubt on the former president's explanations.

"And the idea that 18 months after the fact Donald Trump could simply announce, 'Well, I'm retroactively declassifying, or

whatever I took home had the effect of declassifying them,' is absurd," Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., chair of the House Intelligence Committee, said Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Trump said Friday that everything taken by federal agents at his Mar-a-Lago resort Aug. 8 was "all declassified" and "they didn't need to 'seize' anything." Some of the former president's supporters have claimed he has the power to declassify documents on his own.

Schiff and House Oversight Committee Chair Carolyn Maloney have asked U.S. intelligence to provide a damage assessment of the seized records. They include the U.S. government's top secret rating of "top secret/sensitive compartmented information," according to a search warrant inventory unsealed Friday.

"We should determine



Schiff

whether there was any effort during the presidency to go through the process of declassification," Schiff said. "I've seen no evidence of that, nor have they presented any evidence of that."

While a president can request or initiate a declassification, the original classifying agency "must undergo a process to complete the declassification," according to former federal prosecutor

Barbara McQuade.

Based on the warrant, prosecutors indicated they are exploring possible violations of the Espionage Act among other allegations.

In Trump's latest response to the search on his Truth Social platform, he argued that the documents were covered by attorney-client privilege or executive privilege and shouldn't have been taken.

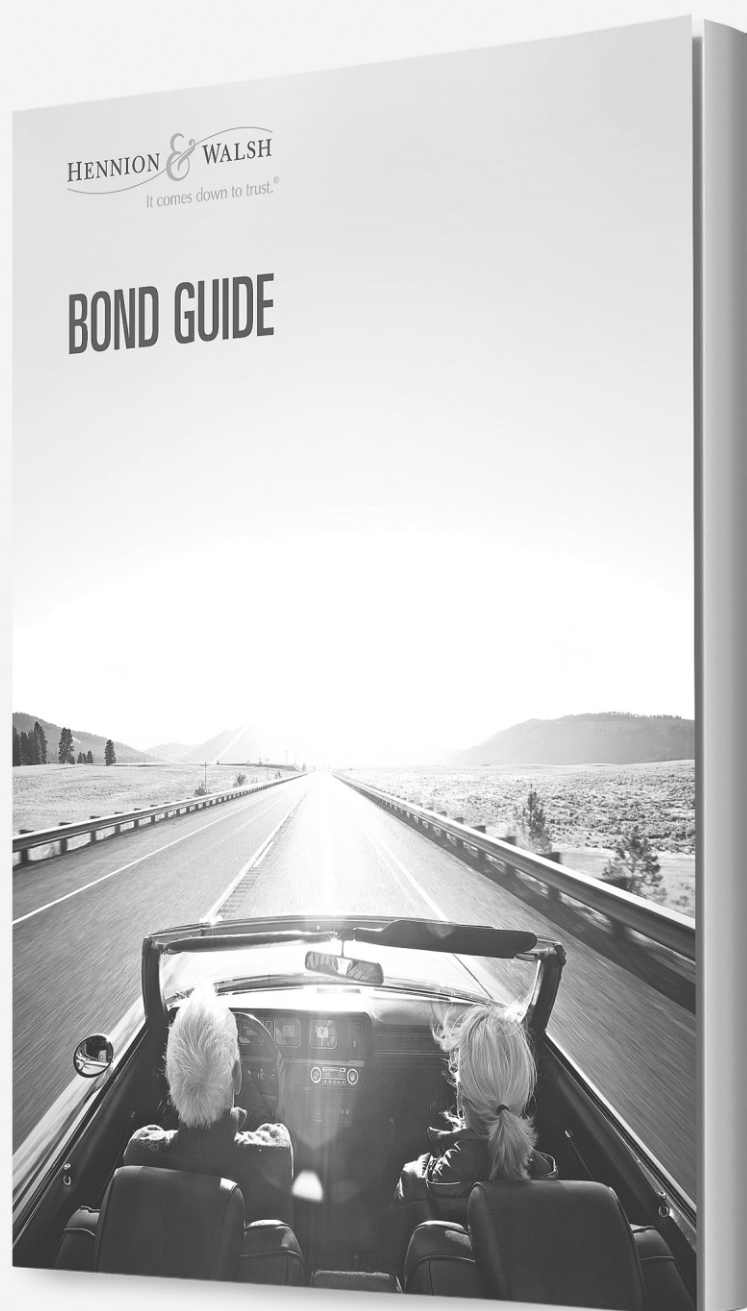
Fox News earlier reported Trump's team "was informed" that some

boxes and documents were covered by attorney-client privilege. Citing sources it didn't identify, Fox also said some records could be covered by executive privilege.

In June, at least one lawyer for the former president signed a statement declaring all of the classified material stored at Mar-a-Lago was returned to the government, The New York Times reported Saturday, citing people with knowledge of the document.

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Pushing for change via convention

Conservative effort to alter Constitution focuses on primaries

By Nicholas Riccardi
Associated Press

DENVER — The flyers piled up in mailboxes in central South Dakota like snow during a high-plains blizzard: “Transgender Sex Education in Schools?” one asked. “Vote Against Sex Ed Radical Mary Duvall for State Senate.”

The mailers were part of a \$58,000 campaign against the five-term Republican lawmaker, an enormous sum of money in a place where the cost of running for a statehouse seat is typically in the low five figures. Despite the subject of the attack ads, Duvall was targeted not for her stance on sex education but for her opposition to a long shot bid by some conservatives to force a convention to amend the U.S. Constitution.

“I knew they were angry at me, but I had no idea this was going to be coming during my primary campaign,” said Duvall, who lost her race by 176 votes.

Duvall opposed legislation that would have added South Dakota to 19 other states calling for a gathering known as a convention of states, following a plan mapped out by a conservative group that wants to change parts of the United States’ foundational document. When that number hits two-thirds of the states — or 34 — under the procedure laid out in the Constitution, a convention would meet with the power to amend the 235-year-old document.

The campaign against Duvall was part of a more than \$600,000 push in at least five states earlier this year by the group Convention of States Action and its affiliates in Republican primaries to elect sympathetic lawmakers who could add more states to its



Supporters of a proposal to put South Carolina among states calling for a U.S. constitutional convention to consider term limits and a balanced budget requirement gather to watch the state Senate debate March 8 in Columbia, S.C. **JEFFREY COLLINS/AP**

column. Much of the money comes from groups that do not have to disclose their donors, masking the identity of who is funding the push to change the Constitution.

The track record of the convention group’s spending is spotty. In South Dakota, where the group and its affiliates spent more than \$200,000 targeting four state Senate seats, Duvall was the only one of its targets to lose. And the challenger who beat her, Jim Mehlhaff, said that he thinks the group’s intervention hurt him.

“I didn’t appreciate the negative tone of their mailers. It probably cost me some votes,” said Mehlhaff, a former member of Pierre’s city commission who had his own base of support in the district before the intervention of Convention of States.

Supporters of a convention argue it’s the best way to amend the Constitution — especially to take power

from Congress, which has to approve by a two-thirds vote any proposed amendments that don’t come from a convention. Still, no amendments have been implemented through a convention since the Constitution was ratified in 1788.

Backers argue that any amendments that emerge from the convention would have to be approved by even more states than required to call it — three-quarters, or 38 of them — ensuring that the only changes would be measures with broad support. The GOP would have the upper hand in that venue, though, as it controls the legislatures in 30 states.

One liberal group is pushing for a convention to change campaign finance laws that has won backing in four states, while another effort by conservatives seeks one to impose a balanced budget amendment. The Convention of States group is more vague on its goals,

stating that it seeks a gathering that could pass amendments only to “limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, impose fiscal restraints, and place term limits on federal officials.”

That alarms many Democrats, who see the push as a partisan effort to write conservative goals into the Constitution. But several conservatives have also balked, fearing a convention could open the document to changes they wouldn’t favor, such as on gun control or campaign spending.

“Lots of things can happen that we can’t predict” if there’s a constitutional convention, said Walter Olson, a senior fellow at the conservative Cato Institute in Washington, D.C. “A lot of Republicans are temperamentally conservative and don’t like taking large leaps into the unknown, and they are going to be seen as dragging their heels.”

The convention group has won some successes lately. But it has been stymied in some solidly conservative states such as South Dakota, whose state Senate has repeatedly voted down resolutions for a convention.

Duvall said that’s because GOP voters there don’t want a constitutional rewrite.

“The majority of my constituents I’ve talked to say ‘No, this is a bad idea and dangerous,’” Duvall said.

Robert Natelson, a retired law professor who formerly served as an adviser to Convention of States Action, said that’s a result of fearmongering. He has researched historical conventions of states and said they have clear procedures and limitations. They have occurred throughout the country’s history with varied records of accomplishment, on subjects ranging from the War of 1812 to how certain Western states would share water from the Colorado River.

“This was a process designed for the people to use,” Natelson said. “If you think everything’s going well, if you’re part of the 15% of the population that has a favorable view of Congress, then you don’t want a convention.”

The movement is using money to combat skepticism. Convention of States Action and its affiliated foundation reported raising more than \$10 million in 2020, according to IRS documents. As nonprofits, the organizations do not need to disclose most of their donors.

The Convention of States’ recent spending came through multiple newly created political groups that steered campaign money around the country, largely shielding donors from disclosure.

“They have gone out of their way to set up a web of dark money groups to obscure where the money is coming from and evade reporting requirements,” said Arn Pearson, executive director of the Center for Media and Democracy, which filed complaints with authorities in Arizona and Montana against the network’s campaign apparatus.

A group it formed in Idaho reported spending more than \$100,000 before the state’s May 17 primary, including more than \$75,000 against state Rep. Judy Boyle, a conservative who co-wrote a newspaper column with a liberal lawmaker about why a convention of states was a bad idea.

A seven-term lawmaker, Boyle said she’d been warned the group would target her and said their radio ads falsely claimed the local right-to-life group endorsed her opponent.

“I knew then that the group believes the ends justify the means and they would go to any length to smear me, which they did,” Boyle said via text message. She won her election by six votes.



Charred furniture and religious imagery are visible after a deadly fire inside the Abu Sefein Coptic church in the densely populated neighborhood of Imbaba in Cairo. **TAREK WAJEH/AP**

Fire at full Coptic church kills 41 in Cairo, officials say

By Samy Magdy
Associated Press

CAIRO — A fire ripped through a packed Coptic Orthodox church during morning services in Egypt’s capital Sunday, quickly filling it with thick black smoke and killing 41 worshippers, including at least 15 children.

Several congregants jumped from upper floors of the Martyr Abu Sefein church to try to escape the flames, witnesses said.

“Suffocation, suffocation, all of them dead,” said a distraught witness, who only gave a partial name, Abu Bishop.

Sixteen people were injured, including four policemen involved in the rescue effort.

The cause of the blaze at the church in the working-class neighborhood of Imbaba was not known. An initial investigation pointed to an electrical short-circuit, according to a police statement.

Weeping families waited outside for word on relatives still inside the church and at nearby hospitals where the victims were taken. Footage from the

scene circulated online showed burned furniture, including wooden tables and chairs.

Firefighters were seen putting out the blaze while others carried victims to ambulances.

Witnesses said there were many children inside the four-story building when the fire broke out.

“There are children, we didn’t know how to get to them,” Abu Bishop said. “And we don’t know whose son this is, or whose daughter that is. Is this possible?”

A total of 15 children were killed in the fire, according to Copts United, a news website focusing on Christian news.

A list of victims obtained by The Associated Press said 20 bodies, including 10 children, were taken to the Imbaba public hospital. The church bishop, Abdul Masih Bakhit, was also among the dead at the hospital morgue.

Twenty-one bodies were taken to other hospitals.

By late afternoon, caskets carrying the dead were transferred in ambulances for pre-burial prayers at two churches in the nearby Waraq neighborhood, as weeping women lined their

path.

Witness Emad Hanna said the church includes two places used as a day care and that a church worker managed to get some children out.

“We went upstairs and found people dead. And we started to see from outside that the smoke was getting bigger, and people want to jump from the upper floor,” Hanna said.

“We found the children,” some dead, some alive, he said.

The country’s health minister blamed the smoke and a stampede as people attempted to flee the fire for causing the fatalities.

It was one of the worst fire tragedies in Egypt in recent years. In March 2021, a fire at a garment factory near Cairo killed 20 people and injured 24.

The church is in a narrow street in one of the most densely populated neighborhoods in Cairo. Sunday is the first working day of the week.

President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi spoke by phone with Coptic Christian Pope Tawadros II to offer his condolences, the president’s office said.

Rushdie’s agent says author is ‘on the road to recovery’

By Hillel Italie
and Carolyn Thompson
Associated Press

MAYVILLE, N.Y. — Salman Rushdie is “on the road to recovery,” his agent confirmed Sunday, two days after the author of “The Satanic Verses” suffered serious injuries in a stabbing at a lecture in New York.

The announcement followed news that the lauded writer was removed from a ventilator Saturday and able to talk.

Literary agent Andrew Wylie cautioned that although Rushdie’s “condition is headed in the right direction,” his recovery would be long. Rushdie, 75, suffered a damaged liver and severed nerves in an arm and in an eye that he was likely to lose, Wylie had previously said.

“Though his life-changing injuries are severe, his usual feisty & defiant sense of humour remains intact,” Rushdie’s son Zafar Rushdie said in a Sunday statement that stressed the author remained in critical condition. The statement also expressed gratitude for the “audience members who bravely leapt to his defence,” as well as police, doctors and “the outpouring of love and support.”

Hadi Matar, 24, of Fairview, New Jersey, pleaded not guilty Saturday to attempted murder and assault charges in what a prosecutor called “a targeted, unprovoked, preplanned attack” at western New York’s Chautauqua Institution.

The attack Friday was met with global outrage, along with praise for the man who, for more than three decades — including nine years in hiding under the protection of the British government — has weathered death threats and a \$3 million bounty on his head over “The Satanic Verses.”

“It’s an attack against his



Author Salman Rushdie, 75, was removed from a ventilator Saturday. **TOLGA AKMEN/GETTY-AFP 2019**

body, his life and against every value that he stood for,” Henry Reese, 73, said. The co-founder of Pittsburgh’s City of Asylum was with Rushdie and suffered a gash to his forehead, bruising and other injuries. They had planned to discuss the need for writers’ safety and freedom of expression.

Authors, activists and government officials cited Rushdie’s bravery and long-time championing of free speech in the face of intimidation.

Writer and longtime friend Ian McEwan labeled Rushdie “an inspirational defender of persecuted writers and journalists,” and actor-author Kal Penn called him a role model, “especially many of us in the South Asian diaspora.”

“Salman Rushdie — with his insight into humanity, with his unmatched sense for story, with his refusal to be intimidated or silenced — stands for essential, universal ideals,” President Joe Biden said Saturday. “Truth. Courage. Resilience. The ability to share ideas without fear.”

Rushdie, who was born in India to a Muslim family and has lived in Britain and the U.S., is known for his surreal and satirical prose, beginning with his Booker Prize-winning 1981 novel “Midnight’s Children,”

in which he criticized then-Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

Infused with magical realism, 1988’s “The Satanic Verses” drew ire from some Muslims who regarded elements of the novel as blasphemy.

They believed Rushdie insulted the Prophet Muhammad by naming a character Mahound, a medieval corruption of “Muhammad.” The character was a prophet in a city called Jahilia, which in Arabic refers to the time before the advent of Islam on the Arabian Peninsula. Another sequence includes prostitutes that share names with some of Muhammad’s nine wives. The novel also implies that Muhammad, not Allah, may have been the Quran’s real author.

The book had already been banned and burned in India, Pakistan and elsewhere when Iran’s Grand Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini issued a fatwa, or edict, calling for Rushdie’s death in 1989. Khomeini died that same year, but the fatwa remains in effect — though Iran, in recent years, hadn’t focused on Rushdie.

Iran’s state-run newspaper, Iran Daily, praised the attack as an “implementation of divine decree” Sunday. Another newspaper, Kayhan, termed it “divine revenge” that would partially calm the anger of Muslims.

A prosecutor alluded to the fatwa as a potential motive in arguing against bail.

“His resources don’t matter to me. We understand that the agenda that was carried out yesterday is something that was adopted and it’s sanctioned by larger groups and organizations well beyond the jurisdictional borders of Chautauqua County,” District Attorney Jason Schmidt said.

The judge ordered Matar held without bail.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Armed driver kills self after ramming barrier near Capitol, cops say

From news services

WASHINGTON — A man drove his car into a barricade near the U.S. Capitol early Sunday and then began firing gunshots in the air before fatally shooting himself, according to police, who said he did not seem to be targeting any member of Congress.

The incident happened just before 4 a.m. at a vehicle barricade set at East Capitol Street NE and 2nd Street SE in Washington.

It comes at a time when law enforcement authorities across the country are facing an increasing number of threats, and federal officials have warned about the potential of violent attacks on government buildings in the days since the FBI's search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida.

The attack is reminiscent of an incident when a man drove a vehicle into two Capitol Police officers at a checkpoint in April 2021, killing an 18-year veteran of the force. Many on Capitol Hill remain on edge after supporters of the then-president stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

Authorities said the man, identified as Richard A. York III, 29, of Delaware, crashed into the barricade and that as he was getting out of the car, the vehicle became engulfed in flames. The man then opened fire, firing several shots into the air as police approached.

Capitol Police said the man shot himself as the officers neared. He was later pronounced dead.

Capitol Police Chief Tom Manger said officers did not hear the man say anything before he opened fire "indiscriminately" in the street with a handgun and walked toward the Capitol building. Authorities are investigating

whether the man may have set his car on fire, the chief said, because the collision did not appear to cause the blaze.

Investigators located addresses for the man in Delaware and Pennsylvania, and they have learned he had a criminal history in the past decade, though his motive remained unclear, and he had no links to the Capitol, Manger said.

"We don't have any information that would indicate his motivation at this point," Manger said.

The House and Senate are in recess, and few staffers work in the Capitol complex at that hour.

Authorities said no other injuries were reported.

Israelis wounded in attack: A Palestinian gunman opened fire at a bus near Jerusalem's Old City early Sunday, wounding eight Israelis in an attack that came a week after violence flared up between Israel and militants in Gaza, police and medics said.

Two of the victims were in serious condition, including a pregnant woman with abdominal injuries and a man with gunshot wounds to the head and neck, according to Israeli hospitals treating them.

The U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Tom Nides, tweeted that there were American citizens among the wounded.

The shooting happened as the bus waited in a parking lot near David's Tomb on Mount Zion, just outside the Old City walls. Israeli media identified the suspected attacker as a 26-year-old Palestinian from east Jerusalem.

Israeli police said forces were dispatched to the scene to investigate.

Israeli security forces also pushed into the nearby Palestinian neighborhood of Silwan pursuing the suspected attacker.



Rescue workers comb the site of a retail market Sunday in Yerevan, the Armenian capital, after an explosion in a fireworks storage area sparked a fire, killing two people and injuring 60. Workers and volunteers searched amid still-exploding fireworks for victims who might have been trapped as firefighters worked into the night to put out the blaze. KAREN MINASYAN/GETTY-AFP

Police said the suspected attacker later turned himself in.

Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid, speaking at a meeting of his Cabinet on Sunday, said the suspected attacker was operating alone during the shooting and had previously been arrested by Israel.

Deadly Pakistan accident: A truck overturned and fell onto a passenger van in eastern Pakistan during heavy rain, killing 13 people and injuring five, officials said Sunday.

Riasat Ali, a senior administrative officer in Liaquat Pur in Punab province, said the incident took place late Saturday near the town of Feroza in heavy rain. He said a truck loaded with sacks of sugar overturned.

Ali said the van was smashed under the heavy load, and rescue workers could get only five passengers out alive who were critically injured. He said the dead were taken out after workers cut through the twisted

wreckage. The truck's driver was not among the fatalities.

Freya euthanized: Authorities in Norway have euthanized a walrus that had drawn crowds of spectators in the Oslo Fjord after concluding that it posed a risk to humans.

The 1,320-pound female walrus, known affectionately as Freya, became a popular attraction in Norway in recent weeks, despite warnings from officials that people should refrain from getting close and posing for pictures with the massive marine mammal. Freya liked to clamber on small boats, causing damage to them.

Walruses are protected and as recently as last month officials said they hoped Freya would leave on her own accord and that euthanasia would be a last resort.

Norway's Directorate of Fisheries said Freya was put down early Sunday "based on an overall assessment of the continued threat to human safety."

"Through on-site observations the past week, it was made clear that the public has disregarded the current recommendation to keep a clear distance to the walrus," it said.

La. officer injured: A police officer in Louisiana is in critical condition after police say a suspect ran over him with a vehicle and dragged him during an attempted traffic stop. Police in Lafayette said the officer was dragged 100 feet early Sunday.

Officers had tried to stop a car that was driving recklessly downtown around 1:30 a.m., Lafayette police spokeswoman Sgt. Robin Green said in a news release.

Green said the driver sped away but ran into a roadblock. He then reversed and struck the officer. An officer shot at the car, but no one was struck.

Green said the officer who was run over had "severe" injuries, though he was stable.

The driver was arrested on suspicion of attempted first-degree murder, reckless operation of a vehicle, resisting an officer with force and operating while intoxicated.

Gasoline prices: The average U.S. price of regular-grade gasoline plummeted 45 cents over the past three weeks to \$4.10 per gallon.

Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg of the Lundberg Survey said Sunday that the continued decline comes as crude oil costs also remain low.

The average price at the pump is down a dollar over the past nine weeks, but it's 85 cents higher than it was one year ago.

Nationwide, the highest average price for regular-grade gas was in the San Francisco Bay Area, at \$5.36 per gallon. The lowest average was in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at \$3.38 per gallon. The average price of diesel plunged 37 cents over three weeks to \$5.17 a gallon.

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Economy, affordability the focus for GOP

Meriden Unity Picnic aims to rally party for November

By Stephen Underwood
Hartford Courant

MERIDEN — Coming together was the theme for the Connecticut Republican Unity Picnic at the American Legion Post 45 in Meriden on Sunday. Connecticut's top-ranking Republican candidates and voters joined together for hotdogs and hamburgers while kicking off a general election campaign they said is all about "taking back" the state from

democratic incumbents. The picnic came after the Democrats held a similar event over the weekend with a Unity Rally in Hartford on Saturday. Republican Party Chair Ben Proto said the idea for the picnic is to rally the base and come together as a party going into the November general election. Proto said that Republicans need to put their differences aside and "get focused" on the issues that matter most to voters. "It's about unity, not purity," Proto said. "It's OK for people to have differences of opinion, and it's OK for people to support different candidates. But now we have our candidates,

and we have to be united and work together if we're going to be successful." Proto said that while a range of issues will be on the ballot, the economy and affordability will be highest on voters' minds. "It's the economy, inflation and affordability," Proto said. "Connecticut is not affordable, and we're seeing it rank in the top three of the highest taxed states in the country. We have the highest property taxes in the country and the highest energy costs in the continental United States. That's the message." Candidates who were present at the picnic included gubernatorial candidate Bob Stefanowski and his running mate Laura

Devlin, U.S. Senate candidate Leora Levy, attorney general candidate Jessica Kordas, congressional candidate for the 4th district Jayme Stevenson and a slate of other candidates seeking office across the state. "One thing we hear in every corner of the state is people are looking for change," said Devlin, Stefanowski's running mate for Lt. governor. "So this is really a rally for us. We're done with the primaries now so let's focus on November and win." Devlin said that in her four prior elections for state representative, constituents would

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Winners of instant riches get some tips

Lottery teams up to launch financial literacy program

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

The Connecticut Lottery Corp. and a credit union charitable organization on Monday launched a financial literacy and education campaign to help winners of sudden wealth cope with their good fortune. The "Wise Winnings" initiative offers no-cost financial advice to Connecticut Lottery cash prize-winners and tips on financial planning for a windfall. The program offered by the Lottery, which disbursed \$900 million in winnings last year, and Credit Unions Building Financial Independence is intended to help lottery winners manage sums of money they've never handled previously. Every Connecticut Lottery player who wins \$600 or more will receive an informational brochure with their prize check. "We're putting information in their hands at the same time they get a check in their hand," said Robert T. Simmelkjaer II, chairman of the Lottery board of directors. Lottery winners too often fall short of "good financial outcomes, ending up in bad financial shape, which obviously should not happen," he said. Simmelkjaer, who worked at ESPN and NBC Sports before Gov. Ned Lamont appointed him to the Lottery board in 2020, said he had seen top-paid athletes lose much of their money because of poor financial planning or none at all. "Money can go very quickly," he said. With the Mega Millions lottery reaching \$1 billion in late July and numerous news accounts of lottery winners who have gone broke because they had no idea how to manage sudden wealth, financial advice is a necessity.

Bruce Adams, president and chief executive officer of the Credit Union League of Connecticut, said financial well-being includes the ability to absorb financial shock, "which can come in many forms, whether it is coming into a lot of money quickly or finding yourself in sudden debt." "The best thing we can do is interrupt the spending pattern," he said. "Stop and think." CUBFI is the charitable, nonprofit arm

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Ball in the House set to perform in concert series

A cappella R&B group to play in Farmington this week

By Steve Smith
Courant Community

FARMINGTON — A cappella group Ball in the House is set to perform at Farmington's Summer Concert Series, on Thursday. The instrument-less Boston-based R&B group has several claims to fame, including opening for acts that include the Beach Boys, The Jonas Brothers, the Temptations, Jessica Simpson, Gladys Knight and many more. It has also been the voice in commercials for Cool Whip and wrote and performed the jingle for Amazon's Prime Day. Band members are Kevin Cincotta-Guest, Wallace Thomas, Montario "Monty" Hill, Dave Guisti and Jon Ryan. The group has appeared on the TODAY Show, after which host Meredith Vieira said, "Very smooth! Crowd loved it!" It has also performed on The Daily Buzz, and performs live approximately 200 times per year.

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Courtney Connors took over as owner of Cut Republic in Cromwell on June 2 after seven years working as a barber. DOUGLAS HOOK PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT

For barber, own shop is a dream come true

Her motto: 'Don't have any limit on what you can do'

By Deidre Montague
Hartford Courant

When Courtney Connors graduated from the International Institute of Cosmetology in Wethersfield several years ago, she had a dream of becoming a successful barber in her own barbershop. This year, Connors, 27, fulfilled that goal and now is a barber and the new owner of Cut Republic, at 199 Shunpike Road in Cromwell. And while she originally believed that she wanted to do women's hair, Connors said she changed her mind after being introduced to

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Ian Augur gets a haircut at Cut Republic in Cromwell from barbershop owner Connors.

Johnny Depp foreword helps Berlin woman pay it forward

2011 Make-A-Wish beneficiary has now written 2 kids books

By Pam McLoughlin
Hartford Courant

Actor Johnny Depp has a widespread reputation for embracing charitable causes, and a Berlin woman is among those who have experienced his kindness. The actor wrote the foreword in Katie Vandrilla's recently released children's book to benefit Make-A-Wish America and Make-A-Wish International. Vandrilla, 31, a chemistry teacher at Middletown High School, first met Depp in 2011 in London on the set of "Dark Shadows" when she had a wish granted through Make-A-Wish Connecticut. The organizations grant wishes to seriously ill children. "He is the sweetest person that you could ever dream of meeting," Vandrilla said. "He gives undivided attention and makes you feel like you're the only person on the planet." Sick as a teenager with leukemia, meeting Depp changed her life by giving her hope and inspiration, Vandrilla said. "His movies helped me get by," Vandrilla said.

He's her favorite actor — she's seen every one of his movies — and among her favorites are "Dark Shadows," "Sweeney Todd" and "Benny & Joon." When they met on set in 2011, there were about 12 other young people there because meeting him is a popular wish and he always carves out the time, she said. He visited with them for about 45 minutes, seemingly leaving only because he was pulled away to start filming again. She said there was no reason for her to stand out, and she doesn't believe he remembered that meeting. Then in 2018, she met him again at a meet-and-greet she bought tickets for featuring Hollywood Vampires, a rock group featuring Depp, Alice Cooper and Joe Perry. It was there she told him about how she had met him in London as part of a wish. That same year, she self-published a children's book, "Thumper's Hospital Adventure," to benefit the broader Make-A-Wish organizations, and she dedicated it to Depp. The dedication reads: "To everyone who has helped me," and then she mentions Depp, "who has inspired me more than he will ever know."

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Johnny Depp is pictured in costume next to Katie Vandrilla, of Berlin, in 2011. Vandrilla, now 31, met Depp, her favorite actor, on the set of "Dark Shadows" in London through Make-A-Wish Connecticut. Depp wrote the foreword for her new kids book, "Thumper's London Adventure." PETER MOUNTAIN

Suspect, 44, charged in fatal shooting of Waterbury social club owner, 51

By **Taylor Hartz**
Hartford Courant

The owner of a Waterbury social club was killed in a shooting just outside the club on Saturday night, and police have charged another man from Waterbury with murder. Dennis Santos, the 51-year-old owner of the Salsa Tropical Social Club at 406 Watertown Avenue, arrived at Waterbury Hospital late Saturday night suffering from a gunshot wound. He was pronounced dead at the hospital at about 11:40 p.m., according to the Waterbury Police Department.

Police responded to the club a little after 11 p.m. and learned that a fight had allegedly broken out in the parking lot between a man named Ramon Rodriguez and several other people. Rodriguez allegedly fired shots during the fight, police said. Investigators found evidence of a shooting in the lot and learned that Santos, of Waterbury, had arrived at the hospital with a gunshot wound, police said. Rodriguez, 44, fled the scene, but officers quickly found him, took him into custody and found a loaded firearm, police said. Rodriguez was charged with murder,

first-degree reckless endangerment, unlawful discharge of a firearm, carrying a pistol without a permit, possession of weapons in a motor vehicle, tampering with evidence, alteration of firearm identification mark and second-degree breach of peace, police said. He was being held in police custody on a \$2 million bond, police said. No other injuries were reported in connection to the shooting, and no other information was immediately available. Also on Saturday, a Waterbury restaurant owner was arrested and charged with murder following a shooting outside of his business.

Michael Anderson, 61, was charged with murder, first-degree reckless endangerment and unlawful discharge of a firearm after a shooting outside of Mikey's Jamaican Restaurant on East Main Street in Waterbury at about 1:40 a.m. Saturday that left 28-year-old Sebastian Olavarria dead, police said. Anderson was also being held on a \$2 million bond, police said. Waterbury police were actively investigating both incidents. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Waterbury Police Department's Detective Bureau at 203-574-6941 or Crime Stoppers at 203-755-1234.

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often tell her how the state has become “too expensive” and “too high taxed.” “There is a desire to truly make this state more affordable,” Devlin said. “It’s time we get really straight and serious with the people of Connecticut. I think the time has come for people wanting something different.” Levy, who won Donald Trump’s endorsement to challenge U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal in November, said the time has come for Republicans to get behind their values and

ideals and put petty differences aside. “The night I won on Tuesday, I called for unity. Our party must unite. We’re all Republicans. We have political differences with the Democrats, but as Ronald Reagan said, there may be issues we disagree on, but my 80% friend is not my 20% enemy. It’s time to come together.” Levy agreed with the other candidates that the economy is one of the most important issues going into November but also “parental rights and medical freedom.” “Everything I have done is to build our base and build a strong Connecticut Republican party. We need to defeat Blumenthal, [Gov.

Ned] Lamont and win majorities in the state house. That’s what I’m working for.” Other attendees and candidates agreed that focusing on issues relevant to voters will be a winning strategy in November. “It’s always about the economy,” said Donald Jepsen, Windsor town council member. “This time we would actually like to win, and we feel this is our chance to unify and talk about issues that are important to voters. We have a real shot here if we can get together.”

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Depp

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Depp heard through the grapevine that he was mentioned in the dedication — it wasn’t Vandrilla who told him — and he sent her a sweet note written in a copy of the book, saying he was “touched and honored.” “It took a long time to process that it was real,” she said. “I was humbled.” She finished her second book, “Thumper’s London Adventure,” a year later but because of COVID-19 and other delays it wasn’t released until about a month ago. She asked Depp, through his publicity people, if he could write a foreword for the book. She spoke in that communication of how she wanted to give back to Make-A-Wish because he had inspired her. “I expected a nice, polite, ‘I’m too busy. Thanks for thinking of me,’” she said. But instead, Vandrilla got the surprise of a lifetime when Depp sent her a foreword for the book. It reads: “For my dearest Katie, for her dear family and friends, and for all the dear children out there. ... Please know that you are loved and that we are thinking of you all! With all my love, my respect and my good wishes to you always ...” He gave it his fancy signature. “You don’t see all this stuff in the news because he doesn’t make it about him,” she said.

The first book — the one dedicated to Depp — is about a stuffed rabbit that gets separated from its owner in a children’s hospital. The second book, for which Depp wrote the foreword, is about the rabbit getting separated from its owner’s family and negotiating London.

This time the cover advertises loudly: “Foreword by Johnny Depp.” Both books are available on Amazon, and 100% of the profits go to Make-A-Wish America and Make-A-Wish International.

Vandrilla, who is in remission, volunteers for Make-A-Wish Connecticut in many ways, including granting over 30 wishes. Granters interview the ill children and their families about their wish, the organization makes it happen and later the granter returns to celebrate and share the happy news.

Make-A-Wish Connecticut spokeswoman Kris Moran said “wish kids” are always part of the organization’s family. “We are grateful to Katie for her work as a wish granter and her help at events, not to mention the support through her books that benefit Make-A-Wish,” she said.

Depp couldn’t be reached directly for comment, but Carolina Hurley of Hiltzik Strategies, which counts Depp among its clients, said, “Make-A-Wish [and] helping children in hospitals has been a recurring philanthropic passion for him.”

Vandrilla plans to write more books for the charity featuring Thumper and his adventures, but she’s still working out the details. There are no plans, she said, to involve Depp. Vandrilla said at the time she met Depp in 2011 she had “survivor’s guilt” because so many young people she had met through the illness “didn’t make it.” “Everything skyrocketed from that moment,” of meeting Depp in 2011, she said. “I saw what my wish did for me, and I want to pay it forward to show there’s hope.”

Setting the record straight

A special Bloomfield town meeting that had been scheduled for Monday and was noted in a story on **Page 1** of the Sunday CT section has been canceled.

Barber

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more men’s cuts while in trade school. About how she has navigated this majority male dominated industry of barbering, Connors said that she has had a straightforward transition into the field. “It went smoothly for me. I just knew that I liked doing shorter styled haircuts. That’s pretty much all you do for the most part at a barbershop,” she said. “That really made me fall in love with it. And then I did think it was pretty cool that the female barber industry was also growing. So it was just really nice to be a part of that.” When she first graduated from cosmetology school, she secured her first barbering position at a local shop, where she was really able to learn and hone in on her barbering skills, Connors said. “There’s always stuff to learn, but that’s where I really was able to focus on it. It took probably a good year ... to feel comfortable enough to not do haircuts on just friends and family, she said. “That’s really cool.” Connors eventually left her first barber position after three years and worked at

another salon close to Cut Republic for 2 ½ years, before hearing from previous co-workers about their positive experiences working at Cut Republic. “I knew a few of my old coworkers that actually went to Cut Republic, and it just seemed like a really nice environment,” she said. “It’s very professional and family friendly. They’re very involved in the community as well,” Connors said. “We sponsored the Little League team and the football team. So, it just seems like a place that [would] fit me a little bit better. I liked the energy, too.” Impressed by what she heard and saw, she eventually also started working at Cut Republic. After working there for a year, the previous owner, Justin Philavong, said that he was moving back to Florida and wanted to offer the barbershop to a staff member, Connors said. So, when he approached Connors with the opportunity to own Cut Republic, she immediately accepted. “And so, he asked me and I was like, ‘Heck yeah,’” she said. As the barbershop owner, Connors said that she does not plan to deviate too far from what the previous owner has already estab-

lished within the shop. “Keep[ing] the environment just the way that it was, just very professional and family friendly. Also involved in the community. I think the way that it’s been run has been very good, very comfortable. So I wouldn’t want to change too much,” she said. Along with being proud of herself, Connors’ family and friends are rooting for her as well. “She loves what she does and has made many friends in the field, being a woman in the male dominated world of barbering,” Connors grandmother, Jean Jarvis, said. Connors said the support “felt really good.” “They were all very supportive. They knew eventually that’s what I wanted to do is own my own barbershop. So they’re very happy for me and yeah, it’s a good feeling,” she said. Connors said she has advice for others, especially women, who may want to follow her footsteps when it comes to barbering and/or owning their own business. “Go for it. You don’t have any limit on what you can do when you put your mind to it. And it’s achievable. Anything that’s once a dream is achievable,” she said.

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The group has an impressive set of audio and video clips on its website, including a cover of “The Middle,” and the video for their original hit, “Ordinary Day,” and more. “Ordinary Day” received this review from the Recorded A Capella Review Board in 2021: “Music that’ll move ya’ — That’s what Ball in the House promises and provides in its new original single, Ordinary Day, a powerful song written and arranged by soloist Wallace Thomas. Whether it’s the lyrics, singing or both that move you, you will feel something, if not everything, listening to the blues-style sermon by this Boston-based group.” On Aug. 25, the concert series continues with unique performer Jester Jim, who promises fun for the whole family. “This is not your ordinary juggling show!” reads his website. “With a trunk full of props and a looping machine, Jester Jim takes the stage and starts his show. Young and old will be glued to his every sound as



Ball in the House will perform its award-winning a cappella music at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Farmington Town Hall Complex. **COURTESY PHOTO**

he performs his amazing beatbox intro.” The concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Complex on Monteith Drive. For more information, visit www.farmington-ct.org, www.ballinthehouse.com or www.jesterjim.com.

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of the Credit Union League of Connecticut. Wise Winnings is part of the Connecticut Lottery’s responsible gambling efforts that include educational campaigns and materials on how to gamble safely, monetary and in-kind contributions toward problem gambling programs and services and retailer and employee training.

Working with Credit Unions Building Financial Independence, the “Wise Winnings” program is intended to reach lottery winners with information about how to invest their money in college education, a home purchase or paying off debt. Officials at the Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling have said gamblers are increasingly getting into financial trouble because of the ease of casino gambling on phones, tablets and laptops and sports betting that launched last year in Connecticut.

cut. Simmelkjaer said the financial planning initiative is not related to expanded gambling in Connecticut. “I would say they’re fairly separate things, to be honest,” he said. “They’re similar in the fact we want people to make good decisions about the games they play, how often they play and how much money they spend.”

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PETS UP FOR ADOPTION



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OPINION

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How will anti-abortion crowd react to Ohio girl?

After reading the deeply disturbing piece about the 10-year old Ohio girl who was raped and impregnated and had to travel to another state to get an abortion, I wondered what follow-up we might hear from the anti-abortion crowd. Perhaps: A) Why couldn't she recognize God's gift? B) Can't she be arrested for murder? C) Perhaps we could set up police posts at every state line, so women can be interrogated about why they are traveling to a different state.

Andrew Mitchell, Bloomfield

Vote in November; democracy is at stake

The Jan. 6 attack on our nation wasn't a random act by a handful of sore losers, but a premeditated and organized insurrection. Now, thanks to the hearings, there's overwhelming evidence that Donald Trump and his allies were at the helm.

We heard from former members of the Trump administration and Republican state officials about how Trump pressured the vice president, the Department of Justice and state legislatures to overturn the election he knew he lost. And when it didn't work, he summoned an armed mob to the Capitol in a final, violent attempt to stop the peaceful transfer of power.

These insurrectionists haven't gone anywhere.

In fact, more than 100 of them have already won their primaries. It's up to us to do our part and vote to make sure they don't win this fall. Should these dangerous candidates win, we could have election deniers in key seats of power, like secretary of state and county clerk, ready to overturn whatever election results they don't like. Our democracy is at stake. If we want to hold onto our freedoms to vote, to have our votes decide elections and to rely on elections to keep our leaders in check, then we have to cast our ballots during the midterms this year.

Randi Byron, Avon

If Congress can listen, we might get things done

"Government by the people" has morphed into the people's elected senators and representatives becoming sheep being ordered by wolves (Senate and House leadership) to vote against the other party's initiatives. This incessant noncooperation is crippling America's future. We need them to cooperate and address our reality.

The climate has changed, and our 4% of the world's population can't stop it. In the late 1700s, people didn't expect anything from national leaders other than new laws.

The Constitution's creators could not have envisioned that today's challenges would make leadership decision-making solely be by lawyers and administrators, unqualified in a world dependent on technology.

We have to compel those elected to represent the people to do what the country needs, not to fight each other. We must immediately address monster fires, water shortages, energy needs, threats to our food-growing areas, manufacturing loss overseas, infrastructure and lower the \$30 trillion debt by selling America's innovations to the world.

Our threats and needs today are approaching WWII priority level. We need engineers and architects to innovate smart, affordable solutions and define action plans that support funding and ROI potential. With hard data to support smart initiatives, elected officials can collectively do something worthwhile.

Robert Jastremski, Mystic

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COVID-19 vaccinations are now recommended and available for children as young as 6 months. MIKE STOCKER/SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL

Every single child deserves protection from COVID-19

By Rosa DeLauro and Joanne Samuel Goldblum

We recently welcomed U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra to New Haven to celebrate the National Diaper Bank Network's collaboration with HHS's We Can Do This campaign.

Diaper banks around the country will provide information about COVID-19 vaccines, which are now recommended and available for children as young as 6 months, to some of the hardest-to-reach communities in the country. Why diaper banks? Because they are present in every state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. They serve people who historically have been deprioritized or marginalized in public health, like communities of color and low-income communities.

Diaper banking is about keeping every child clean, dry and healthy. One in three families cannot afford an adequate supply of diapers, which puts children's health at risk and cuts off access to child care, thus impeding early child education and also making it difficult for their parents to work. NDBN member organizations step in to begin to fill that gap.

NDBN is supporting the We Can Do This campaign because, while basic necessities are essential for children's health, they are not the only things children need to thrive.

Families also need consistent, fact-based information so that they can make the best decisions for their child's health.

NDBN partners will let parents know that vaccines are available for anyone 6 months and up and urge adults to talk with their child's pediatrician for reliable guidance. They will also promote vaccines.gov and vacunas.gov, websites that provide information about where to find COVID-19 vaccines and about their safety and effectiveness.

Even in 2022, some families do not have regular access to a pediatrician, or they have trouble finding one who can explain things in their language. We Can Do This has produced materials about the vaccines in many languages, so that U.S. families who speak a language other than English are not left out.

We must do right by U.S. children and also do right by the country as a whole by limiting COVID-19 spread at child care centers and playgrounds. Vaccines are our best bet. For most parents, a child sick with COVID-19 would lead to missed days of work to care for them. Sadly, for some families it could mean tragedy. Nearly 500 U.S. children younger than 5 have lost their lives to COVID-19.

We have both spent our careers advocating for our youngest neighbors. As much as we adults fuss over babies, we routinely fail to make them a societal priority. The

period when a person is most likely to be poor in the United States is during infancy. In some neighborhoods, we still have infant mortality rates that rival some of the most impoverished places on the planet. It is time to do better by our youngest children — and by those who love and care about them. We applaud HHS for choosing to partner with organizations that connect with families who are struggling to prosper in our country.

Parents with children under 5 have been eagerly anticipating a vaccine to protect the health of their children and their families. A year after the vaccines have been approved for adults, we now know that one of the most effective tools we have in the fight against COVID-19 is safe for children, too. Parents can rest easily that their children and families are better protected from COVID-19's spread, and we encourage them to put this tool to use immediately.

The United States will reach its full promise when every child has an opportunity to thrive. Getting access to factual health information into every child's home is a vital step in this essential work. Our most vulnerable children are looking to us, and they want us to do better.

Rosa DeLauro is the U.S. representative for Connecticut's 3rd District; Joanne Samuel Goldblum is the CEO of the National Diaper Bank Network.

Garland has a political duty to explain the circus perpetrated at Mar-a-Lago

By George F. Will
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — After his 2016 Supreme Court nomination, Merrick Garland, according to the New York Times, assured senators that he does not have "a political bone" in his body. That seems to be true, unfortunately.

His current job as attorney general inescapably involves making judgments that are inherently political. They involve exercising discretion about when to wield government power, and for what ends. Furthermore, the best quality of politics at its best is prudence: adjusting tidy principles to untidy realities. This requires making judgments that balance competing objectives.

Regarding last week's events in Palm Beach, Fla., of course the rule of law is important. So, however, are other things, including social comity and — check the Constitution's preamble — domestic tranquility. No value ever eclipses all others. Fiat justitia, ruat caelum — let justice be done, though the heavens fall? Let's not.

As this is written Thursday, there are important unanswered questions about who instigated the search of Mar-a-Lago and why. One remarkable aspect of this debacle, however, is that vigorous disgust need not wait until we know those answers: Try to imagine a justification for this flamboyant exercise of — what? Law enforcement? What was important enough to bring to a rolling boil the already simmering suspicions of tens of millions of Americans about tentacles of the "deep state" engaging in partisan skullduggery?

Prepare for a surfeit of "whataboutisms" from people who were already wary about selective law enforcement and situational journalistic ethics. When the Clintons decamped from the White House in January 2001, they absconded with some furnishings that they were compelled to disgorge, without the FBI's swarming their



Attorney General Merrick Garland addresses the FBI's recent search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence. DREW ANGERER/GETTY

home. Hillary Clinton's later mishandling of classified documents triggered FBI ham-handedness but not a law enforcement spectacle akin to Monday's.

One adjective describes most of life's biggest blunders: "disproportionate." The perpetrators of last week's circus surely considered that their target is likely soon to again be a presidential candidate. Equally surely, they did not care. Facts, however, are stubborn things, including this one: In 2020, having watched Donald Trump govern for four years, 74,222,958 Americans — 11,237,852 more than voted for him in 2016 — decided that they wanted to have four more years of him. This can be deplored but should not be ignored.

The great and the good, a.k.a. the Democratic Party in its vanity, gave us President Trump by awarding its 2016 presidential nomination to someone who could manage to lose to the star of the "Access Hollywood" tape. Now, a Democratic administration's Justice Department has managed to reverse the fading of that entertainer whose act is stale. With his feral cunning, Trump instantly intuited that the search of his home was a gift that will keep on giving by fueling his supporters' animosities, and their giving.

Trump might have broken laws pertain-

ing to presidential documents. So, cue those who believe that "No person is above the law" is a thought that makes further thinking unnecessary. However, the punctilious enforcement of every law, no matter how complex the social context, is zombie governance by people spouting bromides to avoid making complex judgments.

In one way, last week's behavior by the FBI and the Justice Department was not unusual, unfortunately. Hardly a day passes without some government entity vindicating historian Robert Conquest's axiom: "The behavior of any bureaucratic organization can best be understood by assuming that it is controlled by a secret cabal of its enemies."

Remember the Pop-Tart pistol boy? The 7-year-old chewed his pastry into the shape of a gun and said "Bang! Bang!" so his school suspended him and urged all parents to discuss the "incident." Remember the 5-year-old girl who was labeled a "terroristic threat" and ordered to undergo a psychological evaluation because she talked about shooting people with her Hello Kitty gun that shot bubbles? How did we reach this point where so many adults flinch from acting the part by practicing prudence?

This nation is running low on an indispensable ingredient of a successful society: trust, in institutions and one another. Last week was another subtraction. Garland has said about the Justice Department, "We will and we must speak through our work." Actually, his political duty is to explain and justify his work more thoroughly than he did in his minimalist statement Thursday afternoon.

Hamlet did not want his capacity for action to be "sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought." If only the Justice Department were more prone to allowing itself to be inhibited by thought.

George F. Will writes on politics and domestic and foreign affairs for The Washington Post.

OBITUARIES BY TOWN

Bloomfield

Dale E. Wolfe

Manchester

June Lomaglio

Other Towns in CT

Milo W. Bradway

Ian F. Connolly

Dori Randmetz

Out of State

Ian F. Connolly

June Lomaglio

West Hartford

Dale E. Wolfe

* Denotes name listing only.

Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Connolly, Ian F.



Hampton - Ian Frederick Wolfgang Connolly, 40, of Windy Hill Rd., died Saturday, August 6, 2022, in Hartford Hospital. Ian went into the hospital on April 19, 2022, with strangulated intestines from a hernia, and after 8 surgeries he returned home on June 7, 2022. Ian was recovering well before his unexpected passing.

Ian was born in Beverly, MA. He is the son of Frederick T. Connolly and Madeleine A. Desroches of Pomfret, CT. Ian, nicknamed "EZE", graduated from Putnam High School where he was a member of the Putnam Clippers football team. He attended the University of Connecticut at Avery Point for a year to study marine sciences, then left to join the workforce and buy his first house at age 20. Ian was a dedicated Telecommunicator (Dispatcher) for the East Hartford Police and Fire Department for 18 years where he answered 911 calls. Although he worked full time, he also built playscapes for Cedar Works of Maine, and was a court process server.

Ian was easy to be around and made connections with all types of people. He was highly dedicated to his family, friends, and job; and was generous with his time and efforts. Ian was innovative and had a talent for finding solutions to problems, he was tough and would rarely complain, he was fun-loving and always eager to initiate a good time. He loved the backwoods life and enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, scuba diving, backpacking, skiing, cooking, traveling, playing cards, betting horse races, pulling pranks, and had recently taken up playing the harmonica. His favorite things to watch as a child were He-Man, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, and the Fresh Prince of Bel-Air. As an adult his favorite "Christmas movie" was Die Hard, and he frequently watched Hot Tub Time Machine, The Sopranos, and Breaking Bad. He listened to outlaw country music, and his favorite team for his entire life was the Dallas Cowboys.

Ian is survived by his parents; a sister, Harmonie (Sweet) Jewett of Franklin, VT; a brother Devon Connolly of Roanoke, VA; and his maternal grandmother, Anne Desroches. He also leaves behind many uncles, aunts, and cousins, friends, and a "work-family" at the East Hartford Police and Fire Department.

Ian made this world a better place, and he will be genuinely missed!

Those who wish to honor Ian, are welcome to attend A Celebration of Ian's Life on Sunday, August 21, 2022, from 1:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. at the Inn at Woodstock Hill, 94 Plaine Hill Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281.

Memorial donations may be made to the Ian Connolly Community Fund c/o East Hartford Police Chief, 31 School St., East Hartford, CT 06108. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

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LoMaglio, June



June LoMaglio passed peacefully from this world on July 31, 2022 at the age of 97. She was born in Holyoke, Mass. to Leo and Doris Wynn. She spent her youth in Holyoke; however she spent her adult life in Manchester/Bolton. June was pre-deceased by A. Peter LoMaglio, her husband of 68 years. She is survived by her son Tim

LoMaglio of Conifer, Co. and her daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Ted Brindamour of Ladson, SC. June was blessed with 2 grandchildren, Sandy Beasinger and Merrilee Kirby and 5 Great Grand Children, Wynn, Beau, and Brynn Beasinger, and Kai and Quinn Kirby. June graduated from the Holyoke Hospital of nursing and spent her entire working life as a registered nurse at Manchester Memorial Hospital. After her retirement she volunteered her time at the Hospital. She also volunteered her time with Scouts for both Cindy and Tim, and was a life time member of the Manchester Women's club. June enjoyed a full life pursuing her crafting hobbies in addition to playing bridge with the same bridge club for over 50 years. She spent summers in Maine where she continued her swimming and kayaking until she was 93. Anyone interested in making donations in June's memory, her favorite charity was the American Red Cross.

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Randmetz, Dori

Doris (Dori) Randmetz, 95, of Mansfield Center, Connecticut passed away peacefully on Thursday August 4, 2022. She was the loving wife of Theodore M. Randmetz (deceased) and mother of Michael Arpin (deceased) and Jeff Arpin, and grandmother of Amber Arpin. Her beloved extended family included Helena Berger, Mary and Robert Conover (deceased), Roger & Phyllis LaPierre, Charlotte and Steve Lasek and family, Cynthia Moran & Allan Grande, Linda Bard & Jon Brandon, and Yvonne Graska. Dori was a wonderful friend, mother figure, and neighbor to many others. She was a voracious reader, curious about the world and eager to keep learning throughout her life. She was a talented artisan, and her creations adorn many homes - as we now cherish her quilts, crocheted arts, paintings and crafts as lasting symbols of her love. She had a deep love of animals, enjoyed birdwatching, and rescued many dogs and cats. Dori was a generous heart that always gave to those around her and supported many charities. Her loving and open nature will be missed by her family and friends, who want to thank her for always being authentic and for all her love and support. Arrangements will be private.

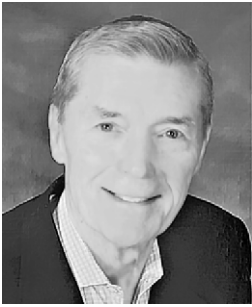
Donations can be made to Protectors of Animals, a non-profit, primarily volunteer, no-kill organization whose mission is to increase the quality of life of all dogs and cats in the communities they serve. 144 Main St. Unit O East Hartford, CT. 06118 . Online donations can be made at <https://poainc.org/donate>

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OBITUARIES

Wolfe, Dale E.



Dale Eugene Wolfe, 90, loving husband, father, grandfather, insightful business leader, passionate volunteer, lifelong musician and caring friend, died peacefully on Monday, August 1st at Duncaster in Bloomfield, CT. The son of the late Wallace and Gertrude (Dietrich) Wolfe, Dale was born and raised in Garfield Heights, OH. His childhood was full of friends, sports, music, and working at his father's grocery store or his grandfather's farm. Dale was accepted into Denison University in Granville, OH, and was the first person in his family to attend college. He was on the football team (once dubbed the "best guard in the Ohio Conference"), a member of Beta Theta Pi, and president of the Christian Emphasis program, ultimately graduating in 1954 with a degree in history. Dale joined the Marines after college, earning the rank of Lieutenant and serving 14 months in Okinawa, Japan. While at Denison, he had met Susan Miles and the couple married in 1955. They lived in Los Angeles, CA, for a short time, then moved to Columbus, OH, where Dale earned a Master's in Industrial Psychology at The Ohio State University. Eventually, the couple made their home in Sterling, IL where Dale began his career in the manufacturing business, first with Wood-Shovel & Tool, and then with Illinois Forge, where he worked his way up from shop foreman to president over his 19-year tenure. In addition to his job, he was a tireless community volunteer, with leadership roles on the school board, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Community Chest. In 1986, the family moved to West Hartford, CT, with Dale's career. His initial role was as head of North American operations for Delta PLC, including Accurate Forge in Bristol and New England Centerless Grinding in West Hartford. Later, he served as President and Chairman of Ripley Company, Cromwell, then the same roles for Blu-Ray, Inc. in Essex. He finished out his career as a business consultant for CONNSTEP. He was also active with the Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity, where he was recognized as 1999 Volunteer of the Year; Old Guard, serving as Treasurer and receiving the 2017 Distinguished Service Award; and the Seniors Job Bank, where he also served as Treasurer. He was an active lay leader and choir member at the First Church of Christ Congregational in West Hartford and was a big fan of the UConn Women's Basketball team, attending more than twelve Final Four competitions around the country. Dale's greatest joy was spending time with family and friends, and he was famous for reminding them that "Life is Good!"

Dale is predeceased by his parents; his wife, Susan; and his sister, Erma Judy. He is survived by his three children and their spouses, Beth and Eddie Bull of Dallas, TX; David and Cathy Wolfe of Roxbury, CT; and Kathy and Michael Dumont of Linden, TN; his four grandchildren (and spouse), Lauren Bull (Theresa Holden), Adam Bull, Clara Wolfe, and Edmund Wolfe; and two step-grandchildren, Kristen West and Chad Bull.

A Memorial Service celebrating Dale's life will be held at 6:30 pm on Sunday, September 11th at the First Church of Christ Congregational, 12 South Main Street, West Hartford, with reception following. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First Church of Christ Congregational, Seniors Job Bank of Greater Hartford, or Habitat for Humanity North Central Connecticut at www.hfhnc.org. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com.

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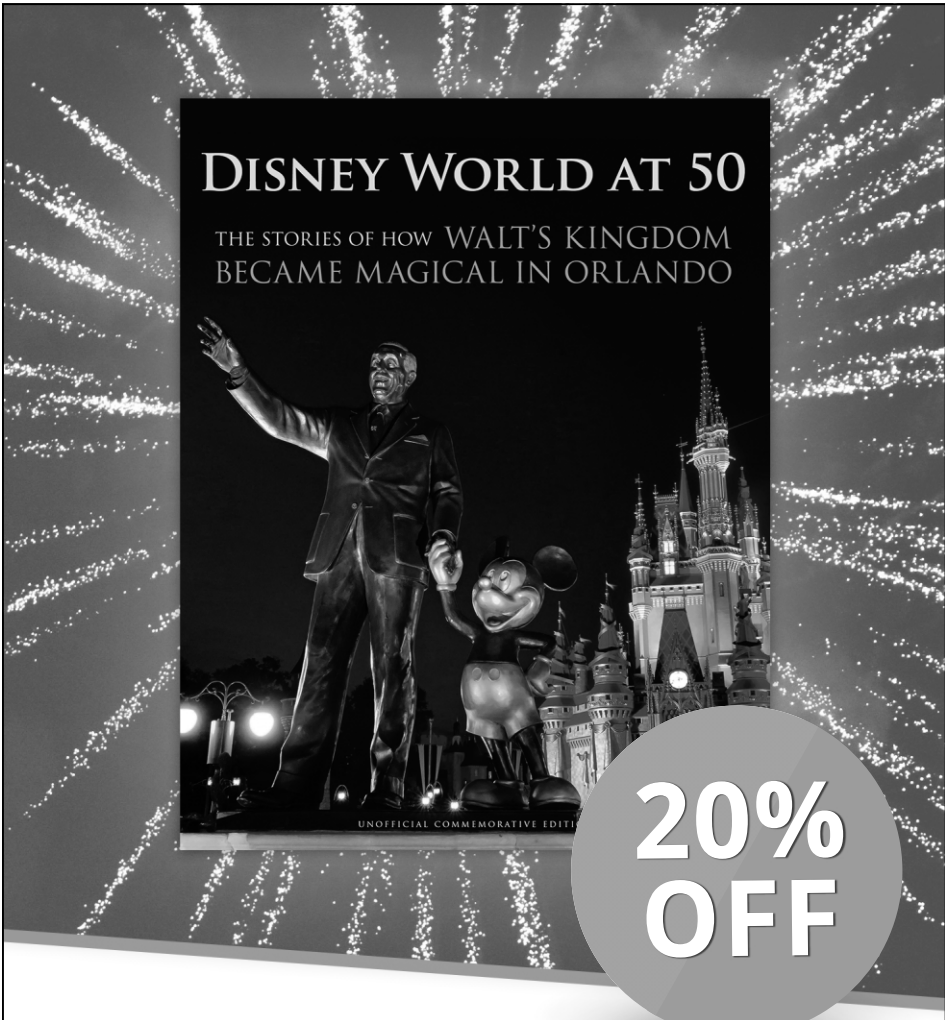
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INSIDE THE UCONN QUARTERBACK COMPETITION

Mora's man: Who will be the starting quarterback?

By Joe Arruda
Hartford Courant

With the Aug. 27 UConn football season opener at Utah State less than two weeks away, there is still one critical question that head coach Jim Mora and staff need to answer: Who will start at quarterback?

Since the beginning of camp, the four quarterbacks remaining have been splitting snaps with the first team, though recently the order of the depth chart has begun to clarify. Saturday's scrimmage, while a rough day for the quarterbacks, increased a sense of urgency around that decision.

So what exactly is Mora looking for?
First, it's decision-making ability.



Season opener
Who: UConn at Utah State
When: 4 p.m. Aug. 27; **TV:** FS1

"I think that's just so important at that position because he handles the ball; he handles the offense," Mora said. "He has to make great decisions. Whether (he) is going to throw it out of bounds, take a sack, try to fit it in there. Use of the time clock, use of the cadence — all of those things. If you don't have someone that's a good decision-maker, then you're going to find inconsistency, and you don't want inconsistency."

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UConn quarterbacks Ta'Quan Roberson, left, and Tyler Phommachanh take part in practice July 29 in Storrs. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

SUN 90, LYNX 83



Sun forward DeWanna Bonner, right, taunts Lynx forward Aerial Powers after Powers unsuccessfully lobbied for a foul call Sunday at Mohegan Sun Arena. **SEAND D. ELLIOT/AP**

All eyes on the postseason

Sun beat Lynx in regular-season finale, gear up for Wings in opening round

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant

UNCASVILLE — Natisha Hiedeman faked out her defender with a dribble and stepped into a 3-pointer, draining the shot from the top of the key.

The Minnesota Lynx had just trimmed the Connecticut Sun's lead to single digits toward the start of the third quarter, but Hiedeman responded right back to ignite a run for her team.

Hiedeman went on to score three consecutive 3-pointers later in the period, providing a key spark for the Sun en route to a



Suns-Wings first-round playoff series

Game 1: vs. Dallas, Thursday, 8 p.m.; **TV:** ESPN
Game 2: vs. Dallas, Sunday, noon; **TV:** ABC
Game 3 (if necessary): at Dallas, August 24, time/TV TBD

90-83 victory over the Lynx in the last game of the regular season Sunday at Mohegan Sun Arena.

"She's knockdown when she's open," Brionna Jones said of Hiedeman. "That's

what we want. I think when teams make runs, we need to be able to make answers. And I think today it was [Natisha] and every game it's somebody different. So I think just having that ability to answer the other teams' runs is gonna be good for us for the playoffs."

Alyssa Thomas finished with 16 points, seven rebounds, five assists and two steals to lead the Sun (25-11). Hiedeman had 15 points, five rebounds and five assists. Jones ended the afternoon with 15 points, six rebounds and two assists. Jonquel Jones had 12 points, six rebounds and two blocks.

Turn to Sun, Page 5

COMMENTARY

Time to shine: Sun need to find their edge

UNCASVILLE — The Sun's lead, 19 points at the start of the fourth quarter, had dwindled down to six, but so what? Locked into the No. 3 seed for the WNBA playoffs, the regular season finale meant much more to the Minnesota Lynx, who were fighting tenaciously to keep Sylvia Fowles' historic career going, than it did for Connecticut.

But with 3:43 left, all five Sun starters — DeWanna Bonner, Alyssa Thomas, Jonquel Jones, Courtney Williams, Natisha Hiedeman — checked back into the game.

"The starters asked to be put back in," coach Curt Miller said. "I was going to roll the dice. If we won, we won. If we lost, we lost. But the starters asked to be put back in. They wanted to win, and our crowd, on crowd appreciation night, deserved us to go out winning."

The urgency, the edge was there. Shortly the Sun were back in control of the game, and the starters were grooving to Y-M-C-A



Dom Amore

during a long replay delay. They won 90-83, eliminating the Lynx from the playoffs and sending 7,489 home from Mohegan Sun Arena happy on Sunday, and once again the 20-year-old franchise wrapped up a successful regular season, 25-11, right up there with LA and Chicago, both 25-10 before their final games played later Sunday.

Now comes the playoffs, starting Thursday at home against Dallas. Now comes another chance to give a loyal fan base what it wants most of all: a celebration. Can this, finally, be The Year? The record alone indicates the window to win a championship is still open,

but can the Sun get to the other side?

"Our coach just said it in the locker room: We had a lot of adversity this year," said Hiedeman, who scored 15. "Injuries, COVID-related stuff, a bunch of stuff was thrown at us, and we handled it. And I think that's the difference from any other year that I've been here. Sometimes, when adversity would come, we wouldn't know how to handle it."

The margin for error in the playoffs, Miller pointed out, is "razor thin," especially for a franchise that, because of its successful regular seasons, has rarely had the opportunity to get high draft picks. The Sun will be in the playoffs for the sixth year in a row. They are in the top four of league finishers for the fifth time in six years and have won more regular season games than any other team in the league since 2017.

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Up next
Who: Boston Red Sox at Pittsburgh Pirates
When: 7:05 p.m. Tuesday; **TV:** NESN



Up next
Who: Tampa Bay Rays at New York Yankees
When: 7:05 p.m. today; **TV:** YES

LATE SATURDAY

Kiner-Falefa helps Yanks squeeze past Red Sox

By Ken Powtak
Associated Press

BOSTON — Isiah Kiner-Falefa drove in the go-ahead run with a safety squeeze in the ninth inning and hit his first career homer with New York, sending the AL East-leading Yankees past the Red Sox 3-2 on Saturday night for just their second win in 10 games.

It was manager Aaron Boone's 400th career victory with the Yankees.

"It feels good to come through with the big homer and small ball," Kiner-Falefa said. "Showing off both sides of my game. I was just happy to come out with the win. We've been playing a lot of close games lately."

Alex Verdugo had two hits for Boston, which had won its last two games, including a dramatic 3-2 win over New York in 10 innings on Friday night.

Turn to Yankees, Page 2

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

South Windsor 10U takes double titles

By Joe Arruda
Hartford Courant

Sitting around the kitchen table at the Caputa household on Sunday was a little bit awkward for Joe Caputa and his son Dominic.

The father-son duo had spent time on a baseball diamond nearly every day this summer. On Sunday, however, they sat at the table without a glove or a bat.

Joe Caputa, an assistant coach for the South Windsor 10U Little League team, and 10-year-old Dominic, one of the 13 all-stars on the roster, sat there as champions.

The team reached the Eastern Regional tournament — the final stage for the 10-and-under age group — and won six of seven games, including the New England title and the Eastern Regional championship.

They received championship rings and won five banners along the way, first the district title, then sectionals and states before capping off their week in Cranston, Rhode Island, with the New England and Eastern Regional titles.

When the players step into the South Windsor Little League complex next year they will see those banners and a sign along the fence with their names, remembering the incredible run they had.

New England pool play began with a 9-0 win over Massachusetts on Aug. 7.

Turn to Baseball, Page 2

UP NEXT

Patriots: Preseason: Panthers, Friday, 7 p.m.
Giants: Preseason: Bengals, Sunday, 7 p.m.
Jets: Preseason: Falcons, August 22, 8 p.m.
Red Sox: at Pirates, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Pirates, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Pirates, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Yankees: Rays, Monday, 7 p.m.; Rays, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Rays, Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Mets: at Atlanta, Monday, 7 p.m.; at Atlanta, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Atlanta, Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Yard Goats: New Hampshire, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; New Hampshire, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; New Hampshire, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Sun: WNBA First Round vs. Dallas (Game 1), Thursday, 8 p.m.; WNBA First Round vs. Dallas (Game 2), August 21, noon; WNBA First Round at Dallas (Game 3, if necessary), August 24, time TBD
Hartford Athletic: Miami, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Tulsa, August 24, 8:30 p.m.; at New York, August 31, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO

BASEBALL
3 p.m.: Tigers at Guardians. (Live) MLB
4 p.m.: American Legion World Series, Semifinal 1. (Live) ESPN
7 p.m.: Rays at Yankees. (Live) YES. Radio: 97.9
7 p.m.: Mets at Braves. (Live) SNY. Radio: 880
7 p.m.: American Legion World Series, Semifinal 2. (Live) ESPN
8 p.m.: Astros at White Sox. (Live) FSI
SOCCER
3 p.m.: Premier League Liverpool vs Crystal Palace. (Live) USA
SOFTBALL
4 p.m.: Little League World Series Consolation Game. (Live) ESPN
7 p.m.: Little League World Series Championship. (Live) ESPN

LOCAL SCOREBOARD

LOCAL BASEBALL

CONNECTICUT TWILIGHT LEAGUE
MONDAY'S SCHEDULE
CTL PLAYOFFS—AT MUZZY FIELD, BRISTOL
Winner's Bracket—Final: No. 3 Rockies vs. No. 1 Black Sox, 6 p.m.
Elimination Bracket—Semifinal: No. 7 Dodgers vs. No. 4 Aftershock, 8 p.m.

GREATER HARTFORD TWILIGHT LEAGUE
FRIDAY'S LATE RESULT
GHTL PLAYOFFS—DOUBLE ELIMINATION ELIMINATION BRACKET—SEMIFINAL (AT MCKENNA FIELD, EAST HARTFORD)
Jets 4, Expos 1

SUNDAY'S RESULT
GHTL PLAYOFFS—DOUBLE ELIMINATION ELIMINATION BRACKET—FINAL (AT PALMER FIELD, MIDDLETOWN)
No. 4 People's vs. No. 2 Jets, late

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE
GHTL PLAYOFFS—CHAMPIONSHIP
Jets/People's winner vs. No. 3 Orioles, 7p.m.

EASTERN LEAGUE STANDINGS					
NORTHEAST					
	W	L	PCT	GB	
Somerset	65	41	.613	—	
Hartford	63	43	.594	2	
Portland	54	54	.500	12	
Reading	48	60	.444	18	
New Hampshire	47	61	.435	19	
Binghamton	40	67	.374	25.5	
SOUTHWEST					
	W	L	PCT	GB	
Erie	66	41	.617	—	
Akron	60	47	.561	6	
Altoona	53	55	.491	13.5	
Bowie	53	55	.491	13.5	
Richmond	52	55	.486	14	
Harrisburg	43	65	.398	23.5	

SATURDAY'S LATE RESULTS
Hartford 9, Somerset 2
Richmond 8, Portland 6(11)
Harrisburg 2, Reading 0
Altoona 3, Binghamton 2
Erie 2, New Hampshire 1
Akron 3-6, Bowie 2-1
SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Portland 10, Richmond 7
Harrisburg 7, Reading 6(10)
Altoona 6, Binghamton 1
Erie 5, New Hampshire 3
Akron 7, Bowie 6
Hartford at Somerset, late
TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE
Harrisburg at Altoona, 6p.m.
Akron at Erie, 6p.m.
Binghamton at Richmond, 6:30p.m.
Somerset at Bowie, 6:30p.m.
New Hampshire at Hartford, 7p.m.
Portland at Reading, 7p.m.

LATE SATURDAY BOX SCORE					
YARD GOATS 9, PATRIOTS 2					
Hartford	AB	R	H	BI	
Stovall, ss	4	2	2	0	0
Veen, rf	4	1	0	0	0
Datres, 1b	5	2	2	1	0
Schunk, 3b	4	1	2	1	0
Montano, lf	4	3	2	3	0
Doyle, cf	5	0	0	1	0
Maciver, c	3	0	1	1	1
Hill, dh	4	0	2	3	0
Collins, 2b	4	0	0	0	0
Totals	37	9	11	9	

Somerset					
Volpe, ss	AB	R	H	BI	
Pereira, dh	4	0	1	0	0
Wells, c	3	1	0	0	0
Dunham, rf	4	1	1	2	0
Chaparro, 3b	3	0	0	0	0
Lockridge, cf	3	0	0	0	0
Rosario, lf	3	0	0	0	0
Bastidas, 2b	3	0	1	0	0
Gasper, 1b	3	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	2	3	2	

Hartford	440	010	000	—	9	11	0
Somerset	000	200	000	—	2	3	0

LOB: Hartford 6, Somerset 3. HR: Montano
Dunham. 2B: Hill
Volpe. SF: Schunk.

Hartford	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kilkenny (W, 4-5)	5	2	2	2	3	4	5.70
Darnell	2	0	0	0	0	5	4.58
Del Bonta-Smith	1	1	0	0	0	1	4.04
Calvo	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.60

Somerset	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Sauer (L, 0-1)	4.1	9	9	9	3	18	6.9
Jennings	2.2	1	0	0	0	4	3.50
Minnick	2	1	0	0	0	2	2.36

HBP: Maciver (by Sauer). **Umpires:** Mandzuk, Trzeciak, Acosta. **Time:** 2:36. Att.: 7,183.

WNBA

SUN 90, LYNX 83										
Minnesota	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT			
Powers	29	8-16	2-3	8	3	1	22			
Collins	20	3-7	0-0	2	1	2	6			
Fowles	31	4-10	2-3	12	1	4	10			
McBride	26	3-8	0-0	1	1	2	7			
Jefferson	10	0-4	0-0	1	0	1	0			
Achomwa	9	2-3	0-0	4	1	2	4			
Shepard	8	1-3	0-0	1	0	2	2			
Banham	17	1-3	0-0	0	1	1	2			
Allen	26	9-13	2-2	2	6	1	26			
Carleton	13	1-3	2-2	1	1	1	4			
TOTALS		32-70	8-10	32	15	17	83			

Three-point goals: 11-31, 35.5 (Allen 6-7, Powers 4-10, McBride 1-6, Collier 0-2, Jefferson 0-2, Banham 0-2, Carleton 0-2). FG pct.: 45.7. FT pct.: 80.0. Turnovers: 12 (Powers 4, Jefferson 2, Banham 2, Fowles, McBride, Shepard, Carleton). Blocks: 2 (Powers, Fowles). Steals: 7 (Powers 2, Fowles 2, Allen 2, McBride).

Connecticut	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT
Bonner	26	3-8	2-2	4	1	1	9
A. Thomas	25	6-8	4-4	7	5	2	16
J. Jones	21	5-7	2-4	6	1	2	12
Williams	26	5-10	0-0	3	4	1	10
Hiedeman	27	5-11	1-2	5	5	2	15
Carrington	14	3-6	0-0	2	4	1	8
Sims	21	2-6	0-0	1	4	1	4
B. Jones	23	7-10	1-2	6	2	3	15
Clouden	7	0-1	0-2	0	1	0	0
Holmes	10	0-1	1-2	1	1	0	0
TOTALS		36-68	13-20	36	24	13	90

Three-point goals: 5-14, 35.7 (Hiedeman 4-8, Bonner 1-3, Clouden 0-1, Sims 0-2). FG pct.: 52.9. FT pct.: 65.0. Turnovers: 9 (A. Thomas 2, J. Jones 2, Carrington 2, Holmes 2, Bonner). Blocks: 4 (J. Jones 2, Hiedeman, B. Jones). Steals: 7 (A. Thomas 2, Carrington 2, J. Jones, Sims, B. Jones). Officials: Brewton, Cruise, Richardson. Att.: 7,489 at Mohegan Sun Arena, Uncasville.

REGIONAL DIGEST

Yard Goats pound Patriots on Saturday

Staff report

The Hartford Yard Goats scored four runs in each of the first two innings on the way to a 9-2 victory over the Somerset Patriots on Saturday night at TD Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater Township, N.J. Tyler Hill had a two-run double in the first inning, Daniel Montano hit a three-run home run in the second and Mitch Kilkenny retired the first 11 batters he faced while tossing five solid innings for his fourth win. Relievers Dugan Darnell, Fineas Del Bonta-Smith and Blair Calvo retired 11 of the final 12 Somerset batters with seven strikeouts.

The Yard Goats scored four runs in the first off Matt Sauer in his Double-A debut. Kyle Datres began the scoring with an RBI single, Willie MacIver was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded and

Hill contributed with a two-out, two-run double to make it 4-0

The Yard Goats added four more runs in the second inning, highlighted by Montano's three-run shot. The Hartford outfielder belted a pitch over the right field fence for his 11th homer of the season to make it 8-0.

Kilkenny allowed only two runs and two hits with four strikeouts in five innings.

The Yard Goats and Patriots played the final game of the six-game series Sunday evening. The game wasn't over in time for this edition. The Yard Goats return home Tuesday to begin a six-game series against the New Hampshire Fisher Cats at Dunkin' Donuts Park.

Athletic beat Indy Eleven: First-half goals from Danny Barrera

and Ariel Martínez were enough to get Hartford back in the win column on Saturday night with a 2-1 victory over Indy Eleven at Trinity Health Stadium in Hartford. The Athletic ended a seven-game winless stretch (0-5-2). Barrera left-footed a shot from outside the box to the bottom right corner in the 19th minute for a 1-0 lead. Martínez made it 2-0 in the 26th minute when he left-footed a shot from the left side of the box to the high center of the goal assisted by Prince Saydee following a fast break. Ayoze García converted a penalty shot for Indy in first-half stoppage time. Hartford goalkeeper Yannik Oettl made five saves for the win. Indy's Sean Lewis also had five saves. Hartford Athletic are home again next Saturday for a match against Miami FC at 7 p.m.

METS 6, PHILLIES 0



The Mets' Francisco Lindor connects on an RBI single in the first inning. Lindor set a team record for a shortstop with his 82nd RBI of the season. JIM MCISAAC/GETTY

Bassitt, Mets blank Phils again for 17th victory in 20 games

By Charles O'brien
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Chris Bassitt hurled five scoreless innings, Francisco Lindor set the franchise record for RBIs by a shortstop and the New York Mets defeated the Philadelphia Phillies 6-0 Sunday for their 17th win in 20 games.

Burly slugger Daniel Vogelbach homered and Mark Canha had two hits for New York, which moved 35 games over .500 for the first time since the end of the 1988 season.

The Mets posted their second straight shutout and kept 5 ½ games ahead of Atlanta atop the NL East. The Mets and Braves open a four-game series in Atlanta beginning Monday.

The Phillies have dropped three of four after winning seven straight.

After Mets aces Max Scherzer and Jacob deGrom combined to allow just a single run over 12 innings in the first two games of the series, Bassitt (10-7) took his turn keeping Philadelphia off the board.

The right-hander, who scattered four hits and struck out five, has gone 24 consecutive innings



Up next

Who: New York Mets at Atlanta Braves
When: 7:20 p.m. today
TV: SNY

starts (45 ⅔ innings).

Four relievers combined to finish the shutout. Trevor Williams went two innings and hasn't permitted a run over his last 20 innings.

Trainer's room

Phillies: OF Bryce Harper (left thumb fracture) will take batting practice Monday at Citizens Bank Park. Manager Rob Thomson indicated that the seven-time All-Star is progressing toward a rehab assignment. ... OF Kyle Schwarber (strained right calf) was held out of the lineup for the second straight game ... RHP Cory Knebel appeared to be hurt when he was removed in the seventh inning after throwing 14 pitches, only five of which were strikes.

Mets: INF Eduardo Escobar (left oblique) entered the game as a defensive replacement in the fifth. The switch hitter batted lefty vs. left-hander Brad Hand to protect his tender side. ... Guillermo (left groin tightness) came out of the game after scampering home on McCann's single. He is scheduled to undergo imaging Monday.

Baseball

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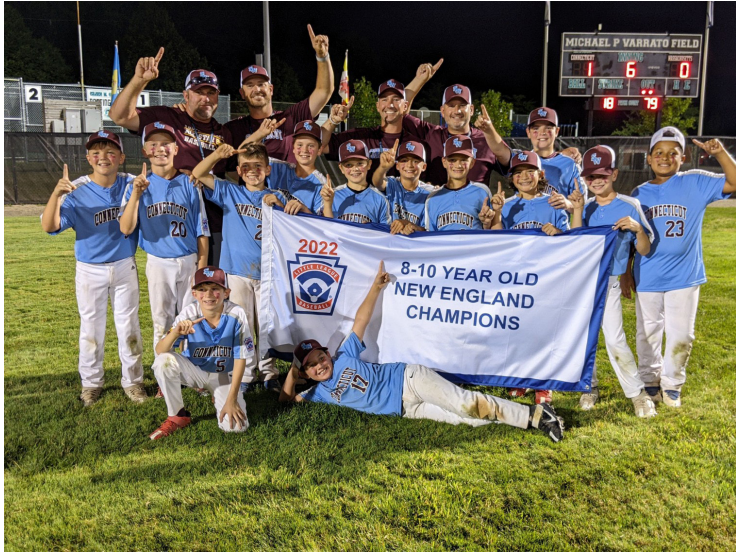
The team, proudly donning new sky blue jerseys with “CONNECTICUT” across the front, outscored its opponents 34-7 through its first three games.

At 3-0 in pool play, South Windsor clinched a spot in the New England championship game — a rematch against Massachusetts. The team then dropped its first game of the summer, 6-5 to Maine, while saving its top two pitchers for the upcoming title games.

The New England final began at 8 p.m. Friday, and, for the most part, South Windsor's bats had gone to bed. They didn't score after bringing one across in the bottom of the first inning, and Massachusetts threatened with runners on first and second base in the top the fifth. The ball was then hit into play and the runners advanced while South Windsor tried to make a play at third. That throw, however, sailed over the sliding runner, who was picked up by his coach and directed toward home.

The runner was called out for coaches interference, and South Windsor retained its 1-0 lead, which held until the final out.

“It was just a ginormous, huge play in the outcome of that game,”



The South Windsor 10U Little League team won both the New England and Eastern Regional championships in Cranston, Rhode Island, on Friday and Saturday. PHOTO PROVIDED BY JOE CAPUTA

Caputa said. “The baseball gods were looking down at us.”

South Windsor lost a game by similar fashion last year.

Zach Powers pitched five innings in the New England championship game, allowing no runs on three hits with six strikeouts and no walks.

The boys had to wake up early for the 10 a.m. Eastern Regional championship game on Saturday against the team from Pennsylvania, which had been resting since

playing Friday. That extra rest, however, didn't help solve South Windsor with Lyle Dresser on the mound.

Dresser pitched a complete game shutout while striking out three and allowing five hits, earning him tournament Most Outstanding Player honors.

“We scored so many runs in the last two months, to win these two games with two shutouts from our top two pitchers, it couldn't have been a better ending,” Caputa said.

Yankees

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Andrew Benintendi sparked New York's winning rally with a one-out double off the center field wall against John Schreiber (3-2). Jose Trevino reached on an infield hit before Kiner-Falefa laid down a perfect bunt toward first base on the next pitch, with Benintendi scoring on a headfirst slide.

“The stadium went wild. I thought he was out,” he said of the bunt. “I was like: ‘Oh man.’ I was thinking in my head. I looked in the dugout and they're waiting for the celebration.”

Aroldis Chapman (1-3) got four outs for the victory. Scott Effross worked a rocky ninth for his second save.

“Great job,” Boone said of Effross. “Nothing's easy for us right now. We're going through it, kind of one of those gut-check wins.”

Reese McGuire and Tommy Pham hit consecutive singles for Boston with one out in the ninth. But Rafael Devers bounced into a fielder's choice and Xander Bogaerts popped out.

Benintendi also made a diving catch in left in his second game back at Fenway Park since being traded by the Red Sox in February 2021.

Yankees slugger Aaron Judge went 0 for 2 with two walks a night after hitting his major league-leading 46th homer. He had reached at least three times in his previous five games.

Trailing 2-0, the Yankees tied it in the fifth when Kiner-Falefa drove in Benintendi with a shot to left. Kiner-Falefa is in his first season with New York after he was acquired in a trade with Minnesota in March.

“They gave it to me,” he said of the home-run ball. “The kids asked for a Judge ball. So I got that done. Who wouldn't want a Judge ball, though? So I gave it to them. It's pretty cool. My first home run in pinstripes.”

The Sox had jumped in front in the fourth when Jarren Duran was hit on the leg by a pitch with the bases loaded and McGuire followed with a sacrifice fly.

Making his second start since being acquired from Oakland at the trade deadline, Yankees right-hander Frankie Montas allowed five hits, struck out four and walked two in five innings.

Boston's Kutter Crawford yielded two hits, struck out five and walked four in six innings.

“He was really good,” Red Sox manager Alex Cora said of Crawford. “Six innings, two runs, good mix of pitches.”

Sitting behind three other teams that are chasing the AL's final wild-card spot, Cora knows his club needs to go on a run soon.

“It's a sprint now. It's not a marathon,” he said before the game.

Boston recalled right-hander Jeurys Familia from Triple-A Worcester and optioned right-hander Kaleb Ort.

Trainer's room

Yankees: Boone said OF Giancarlo Stanton (left Achilles tendinitis) worked out at Yankee Stadium on Saturday after he “ramped up a little bit more” Friday. Boone said the next step is “a full pregame workout” in the next day or two and then a rehab assignment.

Red Sox: Cora said 2B Trevor Story (right hand) “will be coming with us on the road to take BP” ... INF/OF Kiké Hernández (right hip flexor) and OF Rob Refsnyder (right knee sprain) are both on a rehab assignment with Double-A Portland.

Hits from Elliot Wenzel and Jacob Zande helped South Windsor increase its lead to 3-0 entering the sixth inning, but Dresser didn't need any insurance. He actually only needed three pitches.

The first pitch of the inning was a line drive base hit to right field. The very next pitch, a 6-4-3 fielder's choice that nabbed the runner at second but left the batter at first. And the final pitch of the game and of South Windsor's miraculous run was a 1-6-3 double play.

Now, for many of the kids, the gloves and bats will turn into helmets and shoulder pads as they prepare for tackle football, which began during their run. The team will reunite in full at a ballpark one more time this summer after being invited to watch Tuesday's Hartford Yard Goats game from a box suite.

“For me, it hasn't set in yet,” Caputa said, full of adrenaline after supervising his 9- and 10-year-olds as they spent time bonding on and off the field. “But just seeing the emotions after the win yesterday. Disbelief, the excitement, the happiness, the players faces, the coaches, the parents. These kids are never going to forget that moment and what they accomplished, which is nothing short of amazing.”

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	72	42	.632	—	—	2-8	W-1	41-15	31-27
Toronto	61	52	.540	10 ½	+1	3-7	L-1	35-23	26-29
Tampa Bay	60	53	.531	11 ½	—	6-4	W-2	35-22	25-31
Baltimore	59	55	.518	13	1 ½	6-4	L-2	33-21	26-34
Boston	56	59	.487	16 ½	5	3-7	L-1	28-30	28-29

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	61	53	.535	—	—	7-3	W-1	29-22	32-31
Chicago	59	56	.513	2 ½	2	6-4	W-3	28-29	31-27
Minnesota	58	55	.513	2 ½	2	4-6	L-2	31-25	27-30
Kansas City	48	68	.414	14	13 ½	6-4	W-1	29-34	19-34
Detroit	43	73	.371	19	18 ½	1-9	L-7	26-33	17-40

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	75	41	.647	—	—	7-3	W-4	39-18	36-23
Seattle	62	54	.534	13	+ ½	5-5	L-2	31-26	31-28
Texas	51	63	.447	23	9 ½	5-5	W-2	25-32	26-31
Los Angeles	51	64	.443	23 ½	10	7-3	W-2	26-33	25-31
Oakland	41	74	.357	33 ½	20	2-8	L-8	17-38	24-36

BOX SCORES

TAMPA BAY 4, BALTIMORE 1

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Mullins cf	4	0	0	0	3	.264
Rutschman c	4	0	0	0	1	.246
Santander dh	3	0	0	0	1	.261
Urias 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.244
Odor 2b	3	0	0	0	2	.206
Hayes lf	3	0	0	0	1	.258
Mateo ss	3	1	1	0	0	.231
Nevin 1b	2	0	0	0	0	.201
a-Vavra ph	1	0	0	0	0	.313
Phillips rf	3	0	0	0	1	.145
TOTALS	29	1	1	0	9	

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Choi 1b	4	0	0	0	3	.242
Diaz 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.271
Arozarena dh	4	1	1	3	1	.258
Peralta lf	3	0	1	1	1	.282
Mejia c	4	0	2	0	2	.265
Chang 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.213
L.Raley rf	3	0	1	0	2	.197
Sirif c	3	1	1	0	1	.189
Walls ss	3	2	2	0	0	.177
TOTALS	31	4	8	4	11	

Baltimore	000	000	001	—	1	0
Tampa Bay	003	010	00x	—	4	0

a-grounded out for Nevin in the 9th.

LOB: Baltimore 1, Tampa Bay 5.

2B: Mateo (18), Walls (14), Mejia (15).

HR: Arozarena (15), off Lyles.

RBI: Arozarena 3(58), Peralta (4).

Runners left in scoring position: Baltimore 1 (Rutschman); Tampa Bay 2 (Sir, Mejia).

RISP: Baltimore 0for 2; Tampa Bay 2 for 9.

Runners moved up: Vavra.

DP: Baltimore 1 (Mullins, Nevin, Mullins).

BALTIMORE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lyles, L, 9-9	4⅓	5	4	4	2	9	4.48
Krehbiel	1	1	0	0	0	0	2.40
Akin	2	1	0	0	2	2.63	
Gillaspie	⅔	1	0	0	0	0	4.09

TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rasmussen, W, 7-48⅓	1	1	1	0	7	2.80	
Adam, S, 6-7	⅓	0	0	0	2	1.19	

Pitches-Strikes: Lyles 87-54; Krehbiel 17-12; Akin 26-18; Gillaspie 7-6; Rasmussen 87-62; Adam 8-7.

Ground Balls-Fly Balls: Lyles 2-4; Krehbiel 2-0; Akin 4-0; Gillaspie 0-1; Rasmussen 10-6; Adam 0-0.

Batters Faced: Lyles 20; Krehbiel 4; Akin 7; Gillaspie 2; Rasmussen 27; Adam 2.

Inherited runners-scored: Krehbiel 2-1; Adam 1-0. **WP:** Rasmussen(2).

Umpires: Home, Bill Welke; First, Junior Valentine; Second, Gabe Morales; Third, Andy Fletcher.

Time: 2:37. **A:** 18,093(25,000).

DETROIT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Alexander, L, 2-7	5	6	3	3	2	3.98	
Foley	1	1	0	0	0	1.307	
Lange	1	0	0	0	1	3.13	
Peralta	1	3	2	2	1	2.65	

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lynn, W, 3-5	6	5	2	2	0	7	5.62
Lambert, H, 4	⅓	0	0	0	0	4	3.07
Diekman, H, 16	⅓	1	0	0	0	2	4.15
Graveman, S, 6-11	2	1	1	0	1	2.72	

Pitches-Strikes: Alexander 97-62; Foley 14-10; Lange 12-9; Peralta 33-18; Lynn 88-63; Lambert 19-14; Diekman 9-8; Graveman 17-11.

Batters Faced: Alexander 24; Foley 4; Lange 3; Peralta 7; Lynn 22; Lambert 4; Diekman 3; Graveman 5.

WP: Lynn.

Umpires: Home, Jim Wolf; First, Jerry Layne; Second, Adam Hamari; Third, Hunter Wendelstedt.

Time: 2:57. **A:** 32,154(40,615).

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N.Y. METS 6, PHILADELPHIA 0

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Stott ss	5	0	1	0	2	.219
Hoskins 1b	3	0	1	0	1	.249
Bohm 3b	5	0	1	0	1	.288
Realmutto c	4	0	0	0	2	.258
Castellanos rf	4	0	2	0	0	.259
Hall dh	4	0	1	0	1	.267
Segura 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.278
Marsh cf	2	0	1	0	0	.222
a-Sosa ph	1	0	1	0	0	.191
Vierling lf	4	0	0	0	0	.221
TOTALS	36	0	9	0	11	

N.Y. Mets	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Nimmo cf	3	1	1	0	0	.265
Marte rf	4	0	1	0	1	.292
Lindor ss	3	0	1	1	1	.269
Alonso 1b	4	1	1	0	1	.281
Vogelbach dh	4	1	1	1	2	.242
Canha lf	4	1	2	1	1	.265
Guillorme 3b	2	1	1	1	0	.283
Escobar 3b	2	0	0	0	1	.218
McNeil 2b	3	1	1	0	0	.307
McCann c	4	0	1	1	2	.190
TOTALS	33	6	10	5	9	

Philadelphia	000	000	000	—	0	0
N.Y. Mets	100	401	000	—	6	10

a-singled for Marsh in the 9th.

E: Alonso (7). **LOB:** Philadelphia 12, New York 6-28; **2B:** Marshall (2), Castellanos (23), Nimmo (22), Alonso (22), McNeil (27); **HR:** Vogelbach (15), off Wheeler.

RBI: Lindor (82), Canha (39), Guillorme (14), McCann (13), Vogelbach (45).

CS: Marte (7).

Runners left in scoring position: Philadelphia 6(Hall 2, Bohm 4); New York 3 (McCann, Nimmo, Vogelbach). **RISP:** Philadelphia 0for 10; New York 4for 10.

Runners moved up: Marte.

GIDP: Hall. **DP:** Philadelphia 1 (Realmutto, Stott, Realmutto); New York 1 (Lindor, Guillorme, Alonso).

PHILADELPHIA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wheeler, L, 11-6	6	9	6	6	1	5	2.92
Knebel	⅓	0	0	0	2	1	3.43
Bellatti	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	3.55
Hand	1	1	0	0	0	2	2.08

N.Y. Mets	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bassitt, W, 10-7	5	4	0	0	2	5	3.27
Williams	2	2	0	0	0	1	3.02
Givens	1	1	0	0	0	2	3.55
Rodriguez	⅓	2	0	0	1	2	5.01
Ottavino	⅓	0	0	0	1	2	2.18

Pitches-Strikes: Wheeler 95-65; Knebel 14-5; Bellatti 10-6; Hand 19-11; Bassitt 97-63; Williams 28-21; Givens 21-13; Rodriguez 22-14; Ottavino 4-3.

Inherited runners-scored: Bellatti 2-0, Ottavino 3-0.

Umpires: Home, Ben May; First, Ron Kulp; Second, Scott Barry; Third, Marty Foster. **T:** 3:22. **A:** 40,513(41,922).

ON THIS DATE

AUG. 15

1905: Rube Waddell of the Philadelphia Athletics pitched a five-inning no-hit game to beat the St. Louis Browns 2-0.

1916: In a classic pitching duel, Babe Ruth of the Boston Red Sox beat Walter Johnson of the Washington Senators, 1-0, in 13 innings at Fenway Park.

1945: The Cubs routed the Dodgers 20-6, at Ebbets Field. Paul Gillespie knocked in six runs with two home runs and a single to lead the attack.

1955: Warren Spahn of the Milwaukee Braves hit a home run off Mel Wright of the St. Louis Cardinals to give Spahn a homer in every NL park.

1975: Baltimore manager Earl Weaver was ejected twice by umpire Ron Luciano. Weaver was thrown out in the first game and was ejected before the second game.

1989: Dave Dravecky of the San Francisco Giants, in his second start after coming back from cancer surgery on his pitching arm, broke his arm but earned the win in a 3-2 victory over the Montreal Expos.

In the sixth inning, after throwing a wild pitch to Tim Lincecum, he collapsed and clutched his left arm in agony.

1990: Philadelphia's Terry Mulholland pitched the record eighth no-hit

of the season as the Phillies beat the San Francisco Giants 6-0. The season's eighth no-hit

surpassed the modern record of seven set in 1908 and 1917.

1990: Mark McGwire hit a grand slam in the 10th inning to become the first major leaguer to hit 30 or more homers in his first four seasons and lifted the Oakland Athletics to a 6-2 victory over the Boston Red Sox.

2001: Trevor Hoffman pitched a perfect ninth inning for his 300th career save, completing a two-hitter that lifted the San Diego Padres over the Mets 2-1.

2011: Jim Thome belted his 600th home run in an inning after he hit No. 599 to help the Minnesota Twins beat the Detroit Tigers 9-6. Thome became the eighth player to reach 600.

2012: Felix Hernandez pitched the Seattle Mariners' first perfect game and the 23rd in baseball history, overpowering the Tampa Bay Rays in a 1-0 victory. It was the third perfect game in baseball of the season — a first — joining gems by Chicago's Philip Humber against the Mariners in April and San Francisco's Matt Cain against Houston in June.

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Lopez (2), Barrero (4), Romine 2(2).

Runners left in scoring position:

Chicago 7(Morel, McKinstry 3, Suzuki, Happ 2); Cincinnati 5(Fraley 2, Almora Jr. 2, Votto). **BISP:** Chicago 3for 11:

SCOREBOARD

WNBA				
EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	26	10	.722	—
x-Connecticut	25	11	.694	1
x-Washington	22	14	.611	4
x-New York	16	20	.444	10
Atlanta	14	22	.389	12
Indiana	5	31	.139	21
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Las Vegas	26	10	.722	—
x-Seattle	22	14	.611	4
x-Dallas	17	18	.486	8½
x-Phoenix	15	21	.417	11
Minnesota	14	22	.389	12
Los Angeles	13	22	.371	12½

x-clinched playoff spot

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
New York 87, Atlanta 83
Las Vegas 109, Seattle 100
Washington 95, Indiana 83
Chicago 82, Phoenix 67
Connecticut 90, Minnesota 83
Dallas at Los Angeles, late
End of regular season

WNBA PLAYOFFS
WEDNESDAY'S FIRST ROUND
Dallas at Connecticut, 8p.m.
Washington at Seattle, 10p.m.

SOCCER

MLS						
EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	13	3	9	48	45	19
CF Montréal	13	8	4	43	43	41
New York City FC	12	6	6	42	45	27
N.Y. Red Bulls	10	8	7	37	38	31
Columbus	8	6	10	34	32	27
Orlando City	9	10	6	33	28	36
Inter Miami CF	9	10	6	33	32	41
New England	8	7	9	33	36	34
Cincinnati	8	8	9	33	42	45
Chicago	8	11	6	30	28	34
Charlotte FC	9	14	2	29	30	39
Toronto FC	8	12	5	29	37	43
Atlanta	7	9	8	29	37	36
D.C. United	6	14	4	22	28	48

WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	17	4	3	54	53	24
Austin FC	14	5	6	48	54	34
FC Dallas	10	7	9	39	38	28
Minnesota United	10	9	5	35	38	34
Real Salt Lake	9	8	7	34	31	33
LA Galaxy	10	11	3	33	37	34
Nashville	8	8	9	33	33	34
Portland	7	7	12	33	42	40
Seattle	10	12	2	32	31	29
Colorado	8	9	7	31	35	37
Vancouver	8	11	6	30	29	44
Houston	7	14	4	25	31	42
San Jose	5	11	9	24	40	53
Sporting KC	6	15	5	23	26	48

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Minnesota at Nashville, late
Real Salt Lake at Seattle, late

TUESDAY'S MATCHH
D.C. United at Los Angeles FC, 10:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES
N.Y. Red Bulls at Atlanta, 7:30p.m.
New England at Toronto FC, 7:30p.m.
Charlotte FC at New York City FC, 8p.m.
Philadelphia at FC Dallas, 9p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 10p.m.

FRIDAY'S MATCH
Seattle at LA Galaxy, 10p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Cincinnati at N.Y. Red Bulls, 6p.m.
Philadelphia at D.C. United, 7:30p.m.
New England at CF Montréal, 7:30p.m.
Toronto FC at Miami, 8p.m.
Austin FC at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Houston at Colorado, 9p.m.
Vancouver at Real Salt Lake, 10p.m.
Los Angeles FC at San Jose, 10p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 21
Atlanta at Columbus, 5:30p.m.
New York City FC at Chicago, 6p.m.
Orlando City at Charlotte FC, 7p.m.
Portland at Sporting KC, 7:30p.m.
FC Dallas at Nashville, 8:30p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Orlando City 1, N.Y. Red Bulls 0
Atlanta 2, Cincinnati 2, tie
New England 1, D.C. United 0
Philadelphia 4, Chicago 1
Toronto FC 3, Portland 1
Miami 3, New York City FC 2
Austin FC 4, Sporting KC 3
Columbus 1, Colorado 1
FC Dallas 4, San Jose 1
CF Montréal 3, Houston 2
LA Galaxy 5, Vancouver 2
Los Angeles FC 5, Charlotte FC 0

NWSL CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Portland	7	1	7	28	36	15
Kansas City	7	4	4	25	20	20
San Diego	7	5	4	25	21	14
Houston	7	4	4	25	26	17
OL Reign	6	4	6	24	20	15
Chicago	6	3	5	23	22	17
Orlando	4	5	6	18	30	17
Angel City	5	5	3	18	14	16
Louisville	2	6	8	14	16	22
Gotham FC	4	9	0	12	10	28
Washington	1	6	9	12	16	21
North Carolina	2	6	4	10	23	26

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
OL Reign 4, Gotham FC 1
Chicago at Angel City, late

WEDNESDAY'S MATCH
Gotham FC at Houston, 8:30p.m.

FRIDAY'S MATCHE
Angel City at Kansas City, 8p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Orlando at Gotham FC, 7p.m.
Chicago at North Carolina, 7p.m.
Houston at San Diego, 10p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 24
Portland at North Carolina, 7p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Kansas City 4, North Carolina 3
Orlando 1, San Diego 0

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE CLUB	CLUBGP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Man City	2	2	0	0	6	0	6
Arsenal	2	2	0	0	6	2	6
Brentford	2	1	1	0	6	2	4
Tottenham	2	1	1	0	6	3	4
Newcastle	2	1	1	0	2	0	4
Leeds	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Chelsea	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Brighton	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Aston Villa	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Notting. Forest	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Bournemouth	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
Fulham	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Liverpool	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Wolverhampton	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Leicester	2	0	1	1	4	6	1
Southampton	2	0	1	1	3	6	1
Everton	2	0	0	2	1	3	0
Crystal Palace	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
West Ham	2	0	0	2	0	3	0
Man United	2	0	0	2	1	6	0

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Notting. Forest 1, West Ham 0
Chelsea 2, Tottenham 2

MONDAY'S MATCH
Liverpool vs. Crystal Palace, 3p.m.

ODDS

MLB NATIONAL LEAGUE FAVORITE	LINE	MONDAY UNDERDOG	LINE
Philadelphia	-174	at Cincinnati	+150
San Diego	-126	at Miami	+107
Chi. Cubs	-140	at Washington	+120
at Atlanta	-151	NV Mets	+130
LA Dodgers	-156	at Milwaukee	+135
at San Francisco	off	Arizona	+135

AMERICAN LEAGUE

at Cleveland	-217	Detroit (G1)	+180
at Cleveland	-217	Detroit (G2)	+180
at NY Yankees	off	Tampa Bay	off
at Toronto	-165	Baltimore	+142
at Minnesota	-216	Kansas City	+180
at Texas	-156	Oakland	+135
at Chi White Sox	off	Houston	off
at LA Angels	-141	Seattle	+122

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NFL PRESEASON

AMERICAN CONFERENCE									
EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA			
Buffalo	1	0	0	1.000	27	24			
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	26	24			
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	24	21			
New England	0	1	0	.000	21	23			
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA			
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	17	13			
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	24	27			
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	10	23			
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	24	51			
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA			
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	23	10			
Cleveland	1	0	0	1.000	24	13			
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	32	25			
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	23	36			
WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA			
Las Vegas	2	0	0	1.000	53	31			
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	17	7			
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	14	19			
L.A. Chargers	0	1	0	.000	22	29			

NATIONAL CONFERENCE									
EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA			
N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	1.000	23	21			
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	7	17			
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	21	24			
Washington	0	1	0	.000	21	23			
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA			
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	27	23			
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	23	21			
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	13	17			
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	24	26			
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA			
Chicago	1	0	0	1.000	19	14			
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	23	27			
Minnesota	0	1	0	.000	20	26			
Green Bay	0	1	0	.000	21	28			
WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA			
Arizona	1	0	0	1.000	36	23			
L.A. Rams	1	0	0	1.000	29	22			
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	28	21			
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	25	32			

WEEK 1 SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Las Vegas 26, Minnesota 20
SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Carolina 23, Washington 21
Chicago 19, Kansas City 14
Buffalo 27, Indianapolis 24
Pittsburgh 32, Seattle 25
Miami 26, Tampa Bay 24
Houston 17, New Orleans 13
Denver 17, Dallas 7
L.A. Rams 29, L.A. Chargers 22

WEEK 2 THURSDAY'S GAME
Chicago at Seattle, 8p.m.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Carolina at New England, 7p.m.
New Orleans at Green Bay, 8p.m.
Houston at L.A. Rams, 10p.m.
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Detroit at Indianapolis, 1p.m.
Denver at Buffalo, 1p.m.
Washington at Kansas City, 4p.m.
Tampa Bay at Tennessee, 7p.m.
San Francisco at Minnesota, 7p.m.
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 7p.m.
Las Vegas at Miami, 7p.m.
Dallas at San Diego, 10p.m.
SUNDAY, AUG. 21
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 1p.m.
Cincinnati at N.Y. Giants, 7p.m.
Baltimore at Arizona, 8p.m.
MONDAY, AUG. 22
Atlanta at N.Y. Jets, 8p.m.

TENNIS

NATIONAL BANK OPEN
Sunday at Uniprix Stadium & Aviva Centre, Montreal; outdoors, hardcourt
MEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIPS
Pablo Carreña Busta d.
#8Hubert Hurkacz, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.
LATE SATURDAY, SEMIFINAL
Pablo Carreña Busta d.
Dan Evans, 7-5, 6-7(7), 6-2.

Sunday at Aviva Centre Stadium, Toronto, outdoors, hardcourt
WOMEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
#15Simona Halep d.
Beatriz Haddad Maia, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.
LATE SATURDAY, SEMIFINAL
Beatriz Haddad Maia d.
#14Karolina Pliskova, 6-4, 7-6(7).

WTA THOREAU TENNIS OPEN 125
Sunday at The Thoreau Club, Concord, Mass., outdoors, hardcourt
WOMEN'S SINGLES, FINAL
CoCo Vandeweghe d.
#2Bernarda Pera, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.

WESTERN & THOREAU OPEN
Sunday at Lindner Family Tennis Center in Mason, Ohio, outdoors, hardcourt
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
Botic Van De Zandschulp vs.
Maxime Cressly, late
Nikoloz Basilashvili vs.
Mackenzie McDonald, late

WTA ODLUM BROWN VANOPEN
Sunday in Vancouver, B.C., outdoors, hardcourt
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
#3 Claire Liu vs.
Cadence Brace, late
#5 Rebecca Peterson vs.
Anna Karolina Schmiedlova,late

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES FEDERATED AUTO PARTS 400					
Sunday at Richmond Raceway; Richmond, Va.; Lap length: 0.75 miles					
FN	ST	DRIVER	M	LAPS	PT
1	13	Kevin Harvick	F	400	47
2	21	Christopher Bell	T	400	35.
3	18	Chris Buescher	F	400	38.
4	3	Denny Hamlin	T	400	50.
5	23	Chase Elliott	C	400	35.
6	17	Joey Logano	F	400	45.
7	6	Martin Truex Jr	T	400	31.
8	32	Aric Almirola	F	400	34.
9	29	Kyle Busch	T	400	29.
10	10	Ryan Blaney	F	400	38.
11	4	William Byron	C	400	32.
12	33	Austin Cindric	F	399	25.
13	11	Bubba Wallace	T	399	24.
14	1	Kyle Larson	C	399	40.
15	8	Brad Keselowski	F	399	29.
16	12	Austin Dillon	C	399	21.
17	22	Ty Dillon	C	398	20.
18	2	Ross Chastain	C	398	29.
19	24	Danica Suárez	C	398	18.
20	20	Alex Bowman	C	398	20.
21	27	Justin Haley	C	398	16.
22	22	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	C	398	15.
23	15	Chase Briscoe	F	397	16.
24	29	Noah Gragson	C	397	0.
25	30	Harrison Burton	F	397	12.
26	7	Cole Custer	F	397	13.
27	16	Todd Gilliland	F	397	10.
28	31	Corey Lajoie	C	397	9.
29	34	Michael McDowell	F	395	0.
30	25	Landon Cassill	C	395	8.
31	32	Tyler Redden	C	394	6.
32	35	JJ Yeley	F	393	0.
33	36	BJ McLeod	F	392	0.
34	38	Cody Ware	F	391	3.
35	9	Erik Jones	C	240	2.
36	14	Ty Gibbs	T	180	0.
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UConn FOOTBALL

Offense struggles during scrimmage

By Joe Arruda
Hartford Courant

STORRS — There was no sugar-coating after the UConn football team's situational scrimmage Saturday: The ball was on the ground too much, and the offense struggled. With the team's season-opening matchup at Utah State just two weeks away, urgency is beginning to swell in Storrs.

"We've got to start faster, and we've got to eliminate the ball on the ground, and we've got to eliminate the red zone penalties," coach Jim Mora said. "So that gives us something to really work on, but we've got to do it with a sense of urgency. ... I think they've had a sense of urgency up to this point, but now it has to be amplified. I'm looking forward to them coming back on Monday and having that type of attitude."

A lot of the struggles came at the quarterback position, where a starter has yet to be named.

Starting running back Nate Carter took the first play Saturday 20 yards on the ground before quarterback Ta'Quan Roberson pulled off a gain of about 60 yards with his legs on an option play.

Roberson would have scored, but with the practice situational, the offense returned to a goal-line set and failed to get into the end zone.

From then on, the play got sloppy. Passes were commonly deflected, intercepted at times; ball carriers were stripped; the line was jumping early — it just



After the offense struggled through Saturday's situational scrimmage, UConn football coach Jim Mora said, "We've got to start faster, and we've got to eliminate the ball on the ground, and we've got to eliminate the red zone penalties." Time is short with the opener against Utah State two weeks away.

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wasn't the offense's day.

"I wish I could stand here and say 'this guy jumped out at me' or 'that guy jumped out at me,' but unfortunately I can't say that," Mora said following the scrimmage. "And that doesn't mean I'm disappointed in them, because I'm not, because they work at it. Am I disappointed in the day we had at that position? Yes. Am I disappointed in the players? No. Am I still encouraged? I am, but we have to start making some real time progress at that position."

Offensive coordinator Nick Charlton planned to sit down and review Saturday's film with Mora, but for him, the competition at the quarterback position is starting to settle itself.

"We have a good idea of where it's really going, but we've got to evaluate that and really take a hard look at it," Charlton said.

Roberson took most of the first-team reps Saturday, as has been the case since he joined the Huskies last spring. Freshman Zion Turner played primarily with the second team, and Tyler Phommachanh came in third. Phommachanh is still dealing with some of the after-effects of the knee injury that shut down his 2021 season after starting three games.

"I'm always going to be confident in my abilities and what I can do," Phommachanh said Saturday. "(My knee) has definitely been hurting me, but you've got to push through the sore little pains and aches."

Mora has been erring on the side of caution with Phommachanh as he has with other players experiencing fatigue.

Near the end of practice, in a red-zone situation, Turner was the quarterback

to make a play. He found sophomore tight end Bo Estes in the end zone for the score, and the offense made it clear that Estes' catch brought it relief. From receivers to offensive linemen, the entire offense ran over to Estes near the sideline to give him a hug or a pat on the helmet.

Turner has impressed Mora with his strong arm and his mobility since he joined the Huskies.

"We didn't play our best football today, but you've got to finish strong," Turner said following the scrimmage. "That red-zone situation is a great situation for us. We were in that situation a lot, just being able to execute when it counted — it was a great feeling for us today. But we still have a lot to go back and correct."

Soon camp mode will turn into game prep.

Mora said Monday will be a normal camp day, and Tuesday will begin the transition into preparing for Utah State. The team moves into its regular dorm rooms Thursday, which is what, alumni told Mora, signifies the end of camp.

"I'm getting excited," Mora said. "There's just a little different energy as you get closer to the season. As you get closer to game time, you're a little more focused. I'm excited to see these guys play. I want to see what kind of progress we're making. I want to see them handle some adversity. I want to see how they react to some success. I want to see how they've grown together — if it's real or if it's just imagined."

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Next, it's accuracy and timing — someone who can put the ball where it needs to be, when it needs to be there.

"I put that over arm strength," Mora said.

Then it's mobility — not necessarily the ability to take off with the ball, but being able to stay alive in the pocket.

"Find throwing lanes, buy some time out of the pocket. And if he can get down the field and make plays with his legs, that's certainly a factor," Mora said.

Ta'Quan Roberson, Zion Turner and Tyler Phommachanh all showed playmaking ability with their legs Saturday, though Phommachanh is still dealing with knee soreness.

Finally, Mora needs to see leadership from his signal caller.

"You need a guy that can kind of take charge," Mora said. "When things aren't going well, he knows how to settle guys down. When there's a feeling that they need to get kicked into gear, he can grab them and kick them into the gear. So you're looking for someone that your team responds to, and then you want poise. You have to have someone that is poised, that can handle tough situations and think through them and make — going back to No. 1 — good decisions."

Here are, in order of number of snaps, the quarterbacks competing:

Ta'Quan Roberson

Roberson joined the Huskies last spring after transferring from Penn State. As a sophomore in 2021, Roberson completed 11 of 28 passes for 85 yards, with one touchdown and two interceptions. He also ran 12 times for 24 yards last year for the Nittany Lions.

Listed as a redshirt sophomore for the Huskies, Roberson impressed in the spring and came into camp taking most of the first-team reps. He learned Nick Charlton's offense during the spring, a head start over the other quarterbacks as Turner and Millen hadn't yet arrived and Phommachanh was sidelined with the knee injury that ended his 2021 season.

"As a football player and as a quarterback specifically, you can never be complacent. You can always improve on everything, so yes, I believe I took strides (since the spring)," Roberson said Saturday. "No matter what position you're in on the depth chart, you always have to have



UConn quarterback Ta'Quan Roberson throws during the Blue/White Football Showcase on April 22 at Joseph J. Morrone Stadium in Storrs. JESSICA HILL / SPECIAL TO THE COURANT



UConn quarterback Tyler Phommachanh throws during the Blue/White Football Showcase on April 22. JESSICA HILL / SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

that 'you're going to start' mentality. Because at the end of the day you never know what may happen."

Coaches have been working on Roberson's ability to take some heat off his passes depending on the situation. Still a work in progress, it hasn't been uncommon for one of Roberson's passes to sail high and out of bounds.

"With (Roberson) we talked about critical errors in the spring, but he would do some outstanding things because he is very gifted," Charlton said. "He is one of the best throwers of the football purely that I have been around. But in terms of understanding the game, (he is still working on) when to eat it when the play isn't there."

Zion Turner

A decorated true freshman coming out of St. Thomas Aquinas High in Florida, one of the best high school football programs in the country, Turner has turned heads since donning the blue and white.

"The guy jumps out at you, you know?" Mora said on Aug. 5. "He makes plays, and that is what we saw in high school. And after seven days to see it here, that immediate, I've been around some young quarterbacks

that came in and were really talented guys and came with a lot of acclaim and they didn't adapt and adjust as quickly as he has."

While Turner has made some decision-making mistakes typical of a true freshman, his football IQ is "exceptional," Charlton said.

"He's very much in the thick of this thing right now, and I'm proud of where he's gotten to this point. But at the end of the day, we've got to sort this thing out because he's 18, but he's not a freshman anymore," Charlton said.

Turner chose UConn over schools such as Arkansas, Louisville, LSU, Miami and Texas A&M, among others, and was attracted to the opportunity to turn a program around. It was the challenge that attracted him to Storrs.

"Every player doesn't get to come and change the program and just turn the whole program around," Turner said. "I know Coach Mora has a great plan for us to just achieve better, to just make this UConn football program a program of dominance."

Tyler Phommachanh

The only returning quarterback on the roster, Phommachanh started in three

games last season before suffering a season-ending knee injury. He completed 35 of 72 pass attempts last season for 321 yards, a touchdown and two interceptions while also picking up 92 yards on 24 carries.

That knee injury, however, continues to hold the redshirt freshman back.

Since impressing Mora at the start of camp, Phommachanh has been held back to prevent further injury.

He said the knee was feeling sore after Saturday's scrimmage, but that he would continue to fight through it.

"We're trying to progress him back and take care of him and do it the right way," Charlton said following Saturday's scrimmage. "It's all about the speed of the game for him and really getting back into that because it was a pretty serious injury obviously that he had. We haven't any issues with it, but it's because he's very proactive. He's in the training room every single day. We've just got to progress him mentally to get to where he needs to be, but he works at it."

Cale Millen

Transferring in from FCS Northern Arizona, Millen has been on the field, away from the play, observing on several occasions throughout camp.

Millen originally committed to Oregon coming out of high school but mostly played special teams for the Ducks in 2020.

The son of former NFL quarterback Hugh Millen and brother of Colorado State quarterback Clay Millen, Cale completed 7 of 15 passes for Northern Arizona last year.

The redshirt sophomore took some reps on Saturday but has appeared to be below the other three on the depth chart.

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Sun head coach and general manager Curt Miller said before the game that there was "no playbook for today." The Sun entered the matchup already knowing what fate awaited them in the WNBA playoffs, set to face the sixth-seeded Dallas Wings as the three seed. The Lynx (14-22), on the other hand, were in a must-win situation to have a shot at making the playoffs.

Those chances were eliminated with the loss, making Sunday the last game for retiring WNBA legend Sylvia Fowles. The Sun honored league's all-time rebounding leader with a special pregame presentation, gifting her slippers, a custom robe, pajamas and a charity donation, along with a special gourd filled with symbolic artifacts from the Mohegan Tribe.

Fowles finished the afternoon with 10 points, 12 rebounds and two steals. She grabbed her 4,000th career rebound during the game, going out on top as the only player to do so in league history.

"What an unbelievable career," Miller said of Fowles. "A true giant in our game, just one of the elite post players that's ever played the game of women's basketball. And again, has not received probably as much notoriety as she should for someone that has been so dominant and so consistent throughout her career. It's a pleasure to compete against her and obviously goes out as still one of the most efficient and productive players in our league."

Former UConn stars Napheesa Collier and Moriah Jefferson both started for Minnesota. Collier, in her fourth game back since giving birth, finished with six points, two rebounds and one assist.

The Sun were in control of Sunday's game from the opening quarter. With a little over two minutes left in the period, DiJonai Carrington read Minnesota's offense and swept in to steal a pass from Lynx guard Kayla McBride. She then coasted to the other end of the court and scored a layup with ease to extend Connecticut's lead to double digits.

A few plays later, Thomas swiped the ball away from Lynx guard Rachel Banham and scored a layup on the end — her second steal-and-score of the game. The Sun led 28-14 at the end of

the first quarter behind their aggressive defense. They scored 10 points off five Lynx turnovers in the opening frame.

Miller had already played every player on his team by the end of that first period, allowing starters to get key rest ahead of the playoffs.

Connecticut continued to control the game in the second quarter and led 45-34 at halftime. The Sun outscored the Lynx 30-12 in the paint in the first half. They also shot 51.4% from the field while holding their opponent to 37.8%.

The Lynx trimmed the lead to single digits at the start of the third quarter behind a 3-pointer from Lindsay Allen, but Hiedeman and the Sun responded right back. Hiedeman scored 12 points on four 3-pointers in the third quarter alone, at the end of which Connecticut led 71-54.

"Everybody was setting good screens, getting me open," Hiedeman said. "And they always just tell me to shoot when I'm open, so I was just letting it fly."

It seemed as though the Sun would coast to victory from there, but with its season on the line, Minnesota wasn't giving up easily. The Lynx made it a 80-74 game with 3:43 left in the fourth, prompting Miller to sub his starters back in.

"The starters asked to be put back in," Miller said. "I wasn't going to put them back in, I was going to roll the dice. If we won, we won. We lost, we lost. But the starters asked to be put back in tonight. They wanted to win and our crowd on a crowd appreciation night deserved us to go out winning here."

Aerial Powers trimmed Minnesota's deficit to four points shortly after, but Thomas and Courtney Williams scored back-to-back buckets to ensure it didn't get any closer.

Things got heated down the stretch as Powers and the Sun's DeWanna Bonner were both given technicals, but the afternoon would end with the crowd and players giving a standing ovation to Fowles as she walked off the court one last time.

The Sun will face the Wings on Thursday night at Mohegan Sun Arena to kick off the WNBA Playoffs. The contest will air on ESPN/NBATV at 8 p.m. ET.

"We have really good momentum going into the playoffs," Hiedeman said. "The energy is great, the confidence with everybody is amazing, and that's what you need come play-off time."

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They don't give out rings for those things, at least not the big one.

"You look at the championship teams in this league throughout the history," Miller said, "and where their players were drafted, tons and tons of top-four draft picks litter the championship teams. This team has been built differently. We don't have any No. 1 picks. We have very few top-four picks. It bucks the trend, and I really feel we've overachieved and maybe not gotten the credit through the years for doing that. Now, the unintended consequence of feeling that you've overachieved in the regular season, many people feel we've let the championship window slip by. Now, this team's final step is to try to overachieve in the playoffs."

The Sun have had their share, perhaps more than their share of injuries, the kind that derail championship runs. Chiney Ogwumike and Alyssa Thomas had season-ending injuries during this stretch of success. Jonquel Jones opted out of the bubble year, 2020. Jasmine Thomas went down with a torn ACL early this season.

In 2019, when the Sun had their healthiest year, they reached Game 5 of the championship series, losing to Washington. Still, there is that feeling that, with Jonquel Jones, the 2021 MVP, Alyssa Thomas, who has been an all-star caliber "point forward," Brionna Jones, who could be the league's best sixth player, and Heideman, maybe the most improved player, the Sun are not shy of championship talent, no

matter where players were drafted.

The missing ingredient, at least missing up to now, has been that ultimate of intangibles, the will to get over the hump in the playoffs. There's a new structure this time around, no more byes or single-elimination games. Three rounds, best-of-three, then best-of-five and best-of-five. With the season squeezed into a shorter span, players are conditioned to a grinding schedule, and this next month can play to the Sun's strength.

"I appreciate [the players] having navigated and pivoted through injuries, COVID, I was gone for some games with my mom's passing, and we found a way to continue to be in the top three," Miller said "Now we get to reset."

The Sun's nucleus has been together a while, and after Jasmine Thomas and her replacement at point guard, Bria Hartley, went down with injuries, Odyssey Sims has joined the team and filled the pressing need in the final weeks.

"Now, we've got all the right pieces," Hiedeman said. "We're in it together, and I think we've got a lot of momentum going into the playoffs. The energy is great. The confidence is amazing."

The Sun were 11-3 after the All-Star break, and after shooting 52.9% Sunday, indicate no trouble scoring. The championship window remains open, at least for one more try, and to break through it the Sun need to keep the momentum, the edge and the urgency and fight off the pressure and the tough moments. "It's time to get one," Jonquel Jones thundered back in May.

The time is now.

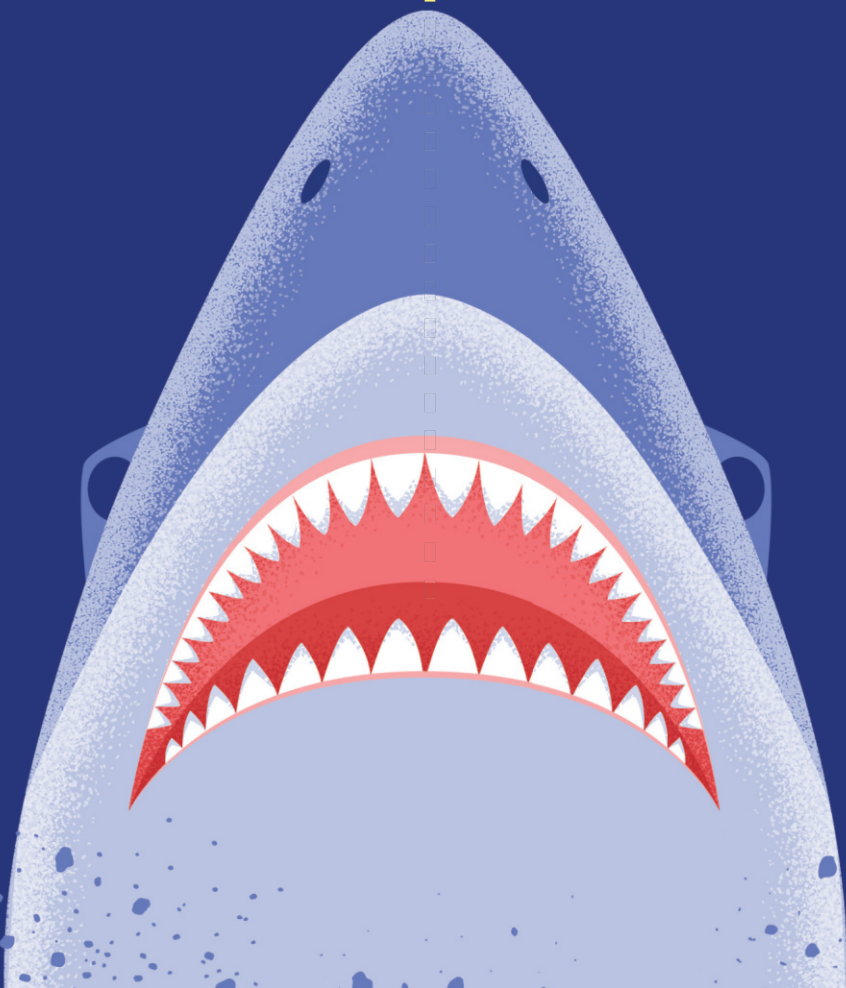


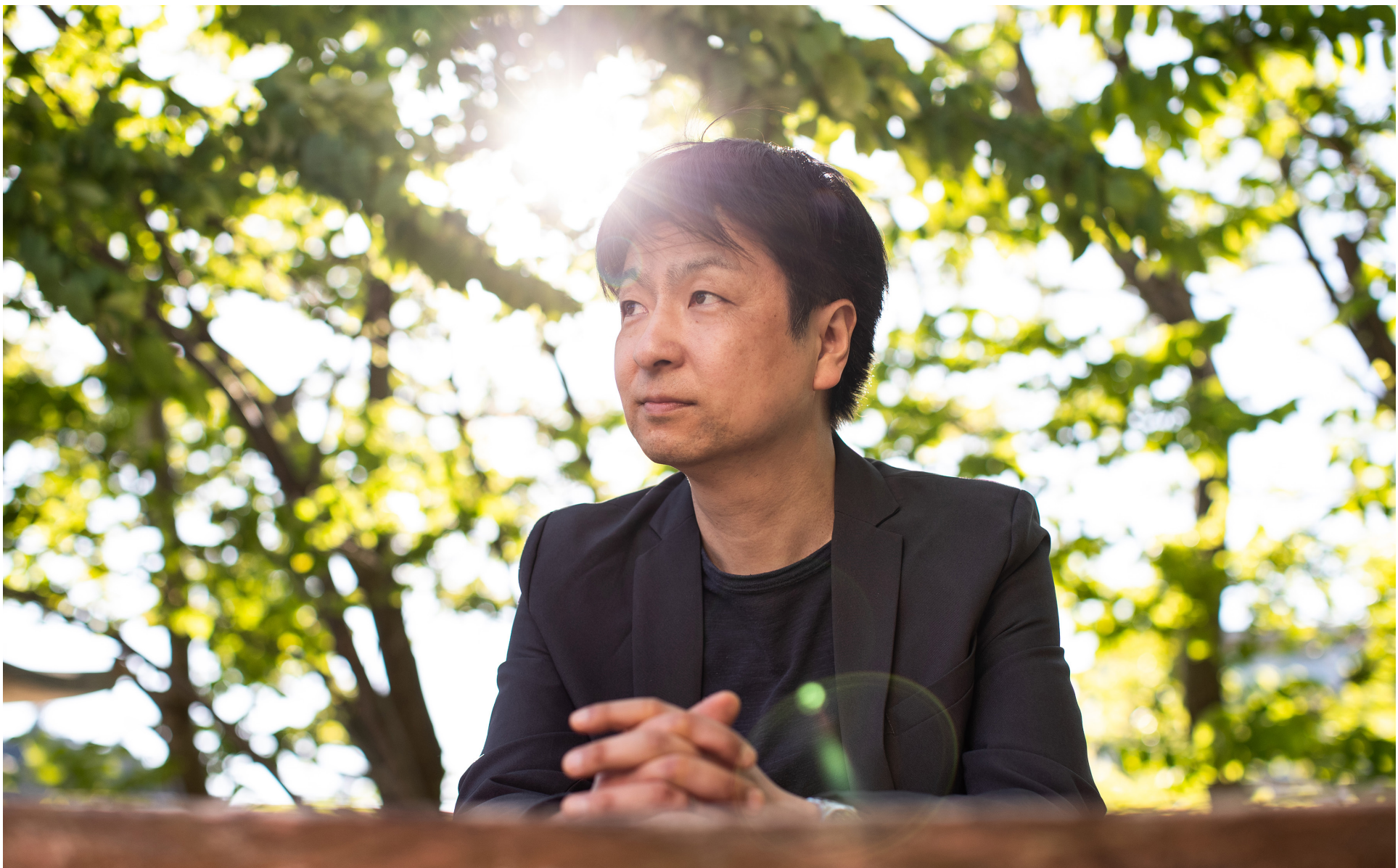
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Kotaro Isaka, seen May 10 in Sendai, Japan, is one of the country’s most popular crime thriller writers. His novel “Maria Beetle” was adapted into “Bullet Train.” **SHIHO FUKADA/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Big-screen treatment dream

By Motoko Rich
The New York Times

Kotaro Isaka, one of Japan’s most popular crime thriller writers, is a self-described homebody. He rarely leaves Sendai, the city in northeast Japan where he lives, and many of his books are set there.

Yet when his 2010 novel “Maria Beetle” was adapted into “Bullet Train” — a Hollywood action film starring Brad Pitt, Brian Tyree Henry and Joey King now playing in U.S. theaters — he embraced the largely Western cast and highly stylized, hyper-neon setting that can perhaps best be described as Japan-adjacent.

In writing “Maria Beetle,” a thriller about multiple assassins trapped on the same high-speed train, Isaka created a motley crew of characters who are “not real people, and maybe they’re not even Japanese,” Isaka, 51, said during a recent interview. The novel, which was originally published in Japan, debuted in English last year.

Isaka always dreamed the novel, with its fast-paced plot, colorful assassins, high body count, sadistic teenage villain and cheeky humor, might make an ideal Hollywood movie. Its original Japanese context, he said, did not matter much.

“I don’t have any feeling of wanting people to understand Japanese literature or culture,”

Author Kotaro Isaka hoped thriller would make an ideal Hollywood film, and he’s OK that adaptation ‘Bullet Train’ isn’t so Japanese

Isaka said. “It’s not like I understand that much about Japan, either.”

Turning Isaka’s novel into an American-style action movie with a mixed cast from the United States, Britain and Japan was part creative license, part business decision. Despite the popularity of manga graphic novels and anime cartoons outside Japan, few live-action movies or television shows with all-Japanese casts have become international hits in recent years. Unlike global phenomena from South Korea such as “Squid Game” and “Parasite,” Japan has enjoyed art house acclaim for films like recent Oscar winner “Drive My Car” and Cannes Palme d’Or-anointed “Shoplifters,” but rarely international box office success.

There have already been complaints in the Asian American media about whitewashing, although the cast of “Bullet Train” includes Black, Latino and Japanese actors.

David Inoue, executive director of the Japanese American Citizens League, told AsAmNews that “this movie seeks to affirm the belief that Asian actors in the leading roles cannot carry a blockbuster, despite all the recent evidence indicating otherwise,

beginning with ‘Crazy Rich Asians’ and extending to ‘Shang-Chi.’”

That Isaka regarded his characters as ethnically malleable “gave us comfort in honoring its Japanese soul but at the same time giving the movie a chance to get big, giant movie stars and have it work on a global scale,” said Sanford Panitch, a president of Sony Pictures Entertainment Motion Picture Group, the studio behind “Bullet Train.”

David Leitch, the director of “Bullet Train,” and its screenwriter, Zak Olkewicz, said they wanted to preserve some of the novel’s most important characters — three generations of one Japanese family. “People who haven’t necessarily seen the movie will be surprised to find out that the plot pretty much kind of is about the Japanese characters and their storylines getting that resolution,” Olkewicz said, although the characters aren’t at the center of the film.

Yet even in Isaka’s novel there are Western references: One of the assassins is obsessed with Thomas the Tank Engine, a detail that is preserved in the movie.

“We were all really aware and wanted to make it super inclusive and international,” said Leitch. The diversity of the cast, he said,

“just shows you the strength of the original author’s work and how this could be a story that could transcend race anyway.”

At one point the filmmakers considered changing the setting. “We had conversations like ‘maybe it could be Europe, maybe it could be a different part of Asia,’” Leitch said. “Where could we see all these international types colliding?”

In the end, he decided, “Tokyo is as international of a city as anywhere.” (With key plot points hinging on the train arriving on time at various stops along the route, Isaka said, “we can only think of a Japanese bullet train.”)

Leitch had hoped to shoot parts of the film in Japan, but the pandemic made that impossible, so he leaned further into a fantastical vision created on an American soundstage. Seeing it, Isaka said he was grateful to have the story’s extreme violence removed from any kind of realistic setting. “I am relieved that it’s set in Japan’s future or like a Gotham City,” he said. “It’s a world that people don’t know.”

In Japan, Isaka has published more than 40 novels — many of them bestsellers — and his agents hope the high profile of “Bullet Train” will help elevate his work among English-language read-

ers who already have an affinity for Japanese entertainment through manga, anime or Haruki Murakami, a Japanese novelist who is a literary star in the West.

Shortly after “Maria Beetle” was optioned for the film, the translated novel sold to Harvill Secker, a London-based unit of Penguin Books.

Liz Foley, the publishing director, read the manuscript on a beach holiday. “Suddenly I was transported into this world that felt slightly off-kilter,” she said. Although the book had been optioned by Sony at that point, neither Leitch nor Pitt had yet been attached to the project.

So far, Foley said, the English edition of “Bullet Train” — which was retitled from the original — has not been a bestseller but has had “really good sales.”

Foreign literature is a notoriously difficult market in English. But Philip Gabriel, Murakami’s longtime translator who has translated three novels by Isaka, hopes the film adaptation of “Bullet Train” will pique the interest of other English-language publishers. “The name recognition will at the very least get publishers to say, ‘Hey, let’s look again at these other Isaka novels,’” Gabriel said.

Outside English-language markets, Isaka’s work is getting more screen treatment: His novel “The Fool of the End” is scheduled to be made into a Korean drama series for Netflix.

Singer Eden feels falling in love made her a better writer

By Kristin M. Hall
Associated Press

Country singer Brooke Eden shined with that glow that engaged people have as she counted down the days to her beachfront wedding, chatting about travel preparations and mother-in-laws bonding over text messages.

For the Florida-born singer, falling in love came hand-in-hand with learning to love herself as well. That meant taking care of herself after long stretches of touring left her physically ill, but also reintroducing herself to fans.

“This chapter of writing music was the first time that I was writing just for me,” said Eden, whose new EP “Choosing You” came out in July. “I was not writing toward what other people wanted me to say or what other people wanted me to write. I was really writing my heart, and it’s the first time that I really wrote like within this self-love chapter of my life.”

Eden released her first new music in years in 2021 with a trilogy of sunshiny singles, including the Motown-inspired “Sunroof,”



Country singer Brooke Eden, seen July 21, recently released her EP “Choosing You.” **MARK HUMPHREY/AP**

in which she introduced the world to her longtime girlfriend, now fiancée, Hilary Hoover.

Her follow-up EP this summer went deeper into the sound of soulful country pop as Eden explored her personal growth and resilience.

This interview with Eden has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: The track “Left You For Me” is

about escaping a bad relationship because you’ve learned to love yourself first. What did that message mean for you?

A: For me, this song meant I was leaving behind all of these expectations of what other people thought my life should be. My own expectations for my life. And that was really the first time in my life where I asked myself, “What would make you happy? What

would make you feel like you’re the best version of yourself?” And that was the first time I did that.

Q: How much of the music is reflective of your personal life?

A: I write about love constantly because it’s something that was so foreign to me until I met my fiancée. Like, I never understood Taylor Swift until 6 ½ years ago because I was like, “Teardrops on your guitar?” Like, girl, get over him. He’s a jerk, whatever. And now I’m like, “Oh, my God. If that ever happened to me, I would be crying on my guitar, too!” So love made me understand life so much more. And it helped me become a better writer. And I’m sure a better friend, more empathetic and understanding. And that goes into my songwriting. It’s really cool to get to write about it from a first-person perspective of this is what love should feel like and this is what love shouldn’t feel like.

Q: What made you decide this was the time to come out publicly?

A: It took me five years of being in the best relationship of my life

— with who I knew was the love of my life — even for me to finally come out. And so for me, it was a few different factors that went into me finally coming out. One was I was actually physically ill. I got ulcers in my small intestine that were not curable by medicine. They were only curable by me getting right with myself and becoming aligned with who I was. And so that was a big lightbulb moment of like, “OK if I want to be a healthy human, I can’t just be physically healthy. I also have to be mentally healthy.” And you can’t be mentally healthy if you’re hiding a huge part of who you are ... And I was reading a book called “Untamed” by Glennon Doyle, and she was talking about integrity and just clearly defined it as integrity is when you are to the world who you are in your home. And I realized that I was living my life with no integrity anymore. So I hollered at Hillary, my fiancée, and I was like, “Babe, I just had this lightbulb moment. I have to come out.” And she was like, “Finally, thank God, praise the Lord.”

Pedal steel finds renewal in unexpected places

Recent recordings outside of country genre showcasing complex instrument

By Grayson Haver Currin
The New York Times

When DaShawn Hickman was 4 years old, living just 32 steps from the tiny granite House of God church in Mount Airy, North Carolina, he picked up a lap steel his uncle had built for his mother. Stretching the electric guitar across his tiny knees for the first time, using a D-cell battery as his slide, he traced the hymns his mother sang.

Hickman soon graduated to the pedal steel, the lap steel’s Byzantine successor, with as many as 24 strings controlled not only with two hands but also with both feet and knees. A quick study, Hickman was 13 when he began leading services at House of God with his steel/strings, the centerpiece of a century-old style of Black gospel called sacred steel.

“This instrument is a ministry, a tool to help someone overcome,” Hickman, now 40, said. “Where the human voice can’t fully reach, the pedal steel can.”

In June, Hickman released “Drums, Roots & Steel.” More restrained than many of its sacred steel predecessors, his solo debut is a showcase for the instrument’s emotional breadth, equally capable of prayers for the wounded and paeans for the joyous.

It is one of several recent recordings that suggest that the pedal steel — familiar mostly for the lachrymal textures it has long lent to country music — is finding renewal in unexpected places. As the sound of slick modern country shifts from this large and esoteric accessory, ambient and experimental musicians have tapped it for much the same reason as Hickman’s sacred steel lineage: its ability to harness and even rival the expressiveness of the voice itself.



Pedal steel musician Luke Schneider, seen July 28 at his Tennessee home, is curator of the new volume of “Imaginational Anthem.” **MORGAN HORNSBY/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS**

“Since its existence, you had to learn how to play one way to get a backing role in some country band,” said Robert Randolph, the son of a New Jersey House of God deacon and minister who came to prominence more than two decades ago when he dared to take his 13-string purple behemoth out of the church. He was soon opening for the Dave Matthews Band at Madison Square Garden. “So it’s an instrument that’s never been fully explored.”

With his boisterous Family Band, Randolph expanded sacred steel’s reach by turbocharging its sound, strings screaming for three hours over soulful marches and Allman-sized jams. His sound and style have since mellowed, and he has collaborated with Carlos Santana and Ozzy Osbourne. “Guitar, trumpet, piano, keyboard — they’ve all had 9 million babies,” he continued. “But the pedal steel is so new to so many people, they don’t even know what it is. There

are so many ways to evolve this instrument.”

That evolution is accelerating. Modern steel icon Greg Leisz played on half of Daft Punk’s final album, while the funk band Vulpeck recently commissioned Los Angeles whiz Rich Hinman to interpret a Bach chorale. Texan Will Van Horn went viral in 2016 for covering Aphex Twin with pedal steel, while Dave Harrington, half of the haute electronic duo Darkside, used it as his compositional tool for Alanis Morissette’s recent meditation album. A new fleet of stirring steel players has emerged, and an 11th volume of the long-running guitar compilation “Imaginational Anthem,” now available, offers a snapshot of the evocative instrument’s intrigue.

“One reason it has taken so long to grow out of the genre it’s been pigeonholed in is because it’s so technically complex, and that complexity has kept a lot of people in the country

world,” said Luke Schneider, the Nashville, Tennessee, player who curated the new collection. He detailed how the knees push levers that bend strings, how the feet trigger pedals that stretch them, how the hands work in constant harmony. “It might be the most difficult instrument in the Western world to learn,” he concluded.

Schneider, 42, once thought he might have to stay in the country world, too. A longtime devotee of ambient music who knew of other Nashville players flirting with experimental sounds, he instead backed singer-songwriter Margo Price in her early country years and later joined the masked musician Orville Peck’s band.

But he then encountered Susan Alcorn, one of the instrument’s rare iconoclasts alongside tinkerer Chas Smith and producer Daniel Lanois. Alcorn’s 2006 album, “And I Await the Resurrection of the Pedal Steel Guitar,” felt



Schneider describes the pedal steel as technically complex.

like a pioneer’s sketchbook of exotic places a young player might take the antique. Schneider followed her lead, trying to use the pedal steel’s stature to his advantage.

“You’re literally playing this instrument with your whole body,” Schneider said. “You have to conjure your feelings, then connect them to your toes, your knees, your fingers, your eyes and your ears. All of that combined can express the voice of a musician in a way few other instruments can.”

Despite the pedal steel’s manual demands, this rush of applications and ideas is a result, in many ways, of digital accessibility. Danish guitarist Maggie Bjorklund, 57, closed her pedal steel in a closet for two years when she first tried to learn around 2000 because its mechanics proved too difficult, and she knew maybe three men in Denmark who played it. She ultimately flew to Nashville to study with Jeff Newman, a beloved instructor who informed her she had been doing it all wrong.

“I thought I knew a little bit about pedal steel, but he said, ‘You sound like a German hausfrau,’” she recalled, laughing. “He

ripped all that away from me and gave me the basis I still play.”

Just five years later, New York guitarist Jonny Lam decided to pursue pedal steel as a way to differentiate himself in a city with a glut of guitarists. He stumbled upon the Steel Guitar Forum, where amateurs building instruments in garages argued with the likes of Buddy Emmons, who had revolutionized the instrument’s design, tuning and sound.

Those cranky older denizens became his gateway, offering a low-stakes way for a Chinese American neophyte to learn the lessons of Nashville. He devoured classic instructional texts and records, but the forums (and now, especially, YouTube) remain founts of inspiration for Lam and younger players, reducing barriers to entry for an expensive and isolating instrument.

“Twenty years ago, I didn’t know what a pedal steel was,” Lam said. “There was this monoculture of white males. But now people are doing quirky things with it online, and different kinds of people are being exposed. That representation matters.”

Making series more dramatic than show itself

Creator reveals nobody wanted to make ‘Squid Game’

By Michael Ordona
Los Angeles Times

For a very long time, no one wanted to make “Squid Game.” No one, that is, but creator-writer-director Hwang Dong-hyuk. Then one of Korea’s biggest stars, suave box office champion Lee Jung-jae, signed on to play the show’s grubby, compromised hero, and the deeply symbolic, meticulously designed, bare-knuckle commentary on the chasm between Haves and Have-nots took off, becoming Netflix’s most popular series to date.

Now it has 14 Emmy nominations, including for Hwang’s writing and directing, Lee’s acting and for drama series. It’s the first foreign-language series to receive nods in any of those categories, as well as in many others.

“The Oscars are more global; the Emmys are very American. I’m very thankful for them opening the doors to non-English content for the first time,” says Hwang.

“I think the show resonated with the global audience because we have a lot of visual aspects besides the language — we have symbols, the design, the set, the wardrobe — I think that’s what drew the attention of the global audience that doesn’t know Korean. And also the theme, the gap between the rich and the poor and the competition, the conflict in our society, is very universal,” the director adds.

The auteur with several successful features under his belt says he was on an island with the producers, writing season two, when the Emmy announcement broke; he immediately called “JJ” (Lee) and other nominated performers such as Park Hae-soo and



Hwang Dong-hyuk, left, and Lee Jung-jae attend a screening of “Squid Game” on Nov. 8 in California. **MATT WINKELMEYER/GETTY**

HoYeon Jung.

Like Hwang, Lee was delighted by the many nominations spread among those who worked on the series: “I watched the announcement live and was so excited to share this happiness with the cast and crew. ... I think this is the finale of us celebrating season one of ‘Squid Game.’”

Both are still enjoying the success of the show Hwang conceived more than a decade ago and couldn’t get made for years. And now, season two is in the works.

“When I first sent the script to Jung-jae, rather than having questions for him, I was just excited to hear he was interested because back in 2009, so many actors had said ‘No,’” says Hwang with a laugh. “So I was just happy to hear what he had to say, and was focused on listening to him and his concerns.”

Among those concerns

was down-on-his-luck protagonist Gi-hun’s sometimes ugly status as “an antihero. Jung-jae was concerned whether Gi-hun would be able to resonate with the audience. So there were different adjustments I made, such as a scene where Gi-hun shares his fish with a stray cat. No matter how broken, how flawed he is, he still has that goodwill at heart.”

Hwang cites another moment that convinced him the character would work. “There’s an early scene where you see Gi-hun when he has lost his money, and he doesn’t have very much left to buy a gift for his daughter, so he goes to that place where you can pick the dolls in the machines,” the director said. “You see him being incredibly happy, holding and hugging the boy who does that for him. The minute I saw Jung-jae play that scene, I was

completely convinced that people were, for sure, going to fall in love with this character. To see that pure, childlike joy in this middle-aged man, I could imagine Gi-hun being himself after joining the game as well. No matter how flawed he was — he would go on to steal his mother’s money — people would see that purity and beauty that he holds within himself.”

For all the show’s rugged exterior — hundreds slaughtered, life-or-death decisions, betrayals and humiliations — the protagonist’s humanity anchors “Squid Game.” Lee says he sought Hwang’s guidance in fine-tuning the balance of Gi-hun’s dire circumstances and his optimism.

Lee says, “I had to ask a lot of questions about his emotional state and what degree, in terms of his emotional spectrum, I needed to portray. Do I portray things in a serious

manner or light, just brush them off? For instance, after literally seeing people die in front of him, Gi-hun has to come back to the sleeping quarters and enjoy the food. To what extent can he really enjoy the food? What kind of character is he in that sense?”

The answers were what most actors would hope for: messy. “If Gi-hun were only good, he would have been one-dimensional and shallow,” says Hwang. “In the game of marbles, he wanted to survive so badly he was willing to trick (elderly contestant) Il-nam and take advantage of his dementia. I feel like that could be any one of us.

“What really differentiates him is that he regrets. He learns from it. I wanted the audience to see him in episode one and episode nine and think they are completely different people because he had learned something.”

Although Hwang has outlined the show’s harsh critique of a socioeconomic system that sets up such ballyhooed winners and devastated losers, Lee sees the peeling away of some of the characters’ layers to the essential goodness within as the show’s true message.

“While at times it’s violent, while at times it requires them to win over, literally, the bodies of others, in the most dire of situations there’s still something, as humans, we must not lose sight of,” says the actor. “Director Hwang did such a good job writing that so intricately into the script.”

So where does Gi-hun go from here? “That is the biggest challenge in season two,” Hwang says. “He begins where we left him at the end of the first season. So, the fact that I can’t carry that level of character arc is a huge challenge. Without giving away any spoilers, there is that line that Gi-hun says in the last episode: ‘I’m not a horse, and I’m curious to know who did this to us.’ It’s going to be about that journey, and Gi-hun proving we are, indeed, not horses; we are all human. And the fact that we all hold goodness, the essence of humanity, at heart.”

Following the flood of Emmy laurels, Lee is characteristically sunny about the prospect of returning to Los Angeles for the ceremony. Hwang, meanwhile, still finds it hard to connect the awful struggles he had getting the show made to its standing now.

“Looking back at 2009, when nobody wanted to make the show, I did not expect this at all,” he says. “This is miraculous. I thought it was impossible to make the show and now we have 14 nominations. It feels strange and surreal. I think the journey of making ‘Squid Game’ is more dramatic than the show itself.”

CELEBRITIES

Judd family asks court to seal report of death investigation

From news services

The family of country singer Naomi Judd filed a court petition Friday to seal police reports and recordings made during the investigation into her death.

The family filed the petition in Williamson County Chancery Court, saying the records contain video and audio interviews with relatives in the immediate aftermath of Judd's death, and releasing such details would inflict "significant trauma and irreparable harm."

The petition was filed on behalf of her husband, Larry Strickland, and her daughters, Ashley and Wynonna Judd. A representative provided it to The Associated Press with the family's permission.

Judd, 76, died on April 30 at her home in Tennessee.

The court filing also included details about how Ashley Judd found her mother alive after she shot herself. Ashley stayed by her mother's side for 30 minutes until help arrived.

The petition asks the court to prohibit the Williamson County Sheriff's Office from releasing the records for several reasons, including that the disclosure would include her medical records and that the family has a right to privacy. Tennessee public records law generally allows local law enforcement records to be released, but police have the discretion to hold records while an investigation is ongoing. Once an investigation is closed, that exemption no longer applies.

Weezer's Broadway residency scrapped: Weezer's Broadway five-night residency, scheduled to begin next month, has been canceled due to "low ticket sales and unbelievably high expenses," according



Naomi Judd's family filed a court petition Friday to seal police reports and recordings made during the investigation into her death. **JOSH ANDERSON/AP 2009**

to the band.

"I'm very sorry to be telling you this now after we've already invested so much time, thought, and emotion. Extra apologies to those of you who cleared schedules and made travel plans to be with us," frontman Rivers Cuomo wrote on the band's official Discord server, according to Pitchfork.

It's unclear how many tickets had already been sold or how many the promoters expected to sell.

A spokesperson for the band did not immediately return a request for comment from the New York Daily News on Thursday.

Batiste leaves 'The Late Show': Jon Batiste, his career soaring after winning multiple Grammys this year, is leaving his perch as bandleader of "The Late Show" after a seven-year run backing up host Stephen Colbert. "We've been so lucky to have a front row seat to Jon's incredible talent for the past seven years," Colbert said on Thursday's show. "But we're happy for you, Jon, and I can't wait to have you back on as guest

with your next hit record."

Louis Cato, who has served as interim bandleader this summer, will take over on a permanent basis when the show returns for its eighth season.

'Old Town Road' music video tops 1 billion YouTube views: The official music video for "Old Town Road," the Western-themed 2019 breakout from Lil Nas X featuring Billy Ray Cyrus, has joined YouTube's Billion Views Club. The achievement marks both Lil Nas X and Cyrus' first entry to YouTube's Billion Views Club. The hip-hop/country hybrid spent a record 26 non-consecutive weeks at No. 1 on YouTube's U.S. Top Songs chart.

Aug. 15 birthdays: Actor Pat Priest is 86. Drummer Pete York is 80. Actor Larry Mathews is 67. Actor Rondell Sheridan is 64. Actor Debra Messing is 54. Actor Anthony Anderson is 52. Actor Ben Affleck is 50. Actor Natasha Henstridge is 48. Bassist Tim Foreman is 44. Singer Joe Jonas is 33. Actor Jennifer Lawrence is 32.

'Finding Your Roots' unravels Manganiello family mysteries

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

Joe Manganiello marveled at the years-old mysteries in his family that were solved through DNA by researchers on PBS' "Finding Your Roots," including a revelation involving the actor's paternal grandfather.

It was so surprising that host Henry Louis Gates Jr. had to call Manganiello with the news so he wouldn't find out first during taping.

"My family and I had a betting pool of what it is, like what's so bad that you can't announce it on the episode?" Manganiello recently told a TV critics meeting.

Gates informed Manganiello that the man the family believed to be the actor's paternal grandfather really wasn't.

"My grandfather was a Black man of mixed race," said Manganiello. "That was fascinating."

As a result, Gates told him, "You are zero percent genetically related to anyone named Manganiello in the world."

Gates didn't stop there. The show's research traced back to the actor's fifth great-grandfather who was a slave who became free before slavery was abolished in Massachusetts, where Manganiello's father was born outside of Boston. His father's family came from Italy.

Manganiello found out his distant relative joined the Continental Army and fought alongside other Blacks for the colonies against the British in units that were non-segregated.

"None of us would have guessed that if we'd had 10 years of guessing," the actor said. "If Manganiello's not my last name, what is?"

Another mystery from



Joe Manganiello, seen June 28, got some big surprises when researchers for the PBS show "Finding Your Roots" went digging through his family history. **CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP**

his mother's side was solved, too.

Manganiello's maternal great-grandmother was a survivor of the Armenian genocide during World War I, in which her husband and seven of her children were killed. She was shot, but played dead and escaped with an eighth child, who later drowned while they traversed the Euphrates River.

Manganiello was told his great-grandmother was incarcerated and met a German officer stationed at the camp. He said she became pregnant by the officer, who later returned to Germany without her. The actor's aunt had the picture of the man, which later was lost.

"We had nothing to connect us being German other than this," he said.

The show's researchers found that the actor's mother and aunt were the children of the half-German baby.

"That was a really profound moment for me," he said.

Gates said it took nearly

a year to uncover the ancestry in part because the Turkish government doesn't give researchers access to vital records and population documents dating to the Ottoman Empire.

Manganiello was filming in Europe last year, and the locals mistook him as being German.

"To think that I don't look like the other people in my family is because I look like the Germans, OK, now that makes sense," he said. "It's really wild what we uncovered."

The 45-year-old actor, known for "True Blood" and "Magic Mike," was born and raised in the Pittsburgh suburb of Mount Lebanon, Pennsylvania. He is married to Colombian-born actor Sofia Vergara.

The new season of "Finding Your Roots" premieres in early January. Among those featured are Oscar winners Viola Davis and Julia Roberts, as well as Carol Burnett, political activist Angela Davis and actor Danny Trejo.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Merry Sunshine can't keep smiling for others

Dear Amy: I am the kind of person that always puts on a brave face — no matter what I'm going through.

The past two years have been very difficult for me.

I've suffered financially, physically and emotionally.

Through it all I'm always there for others — encouraging them and offering a shoulder to lean on.

I am currently going through something very difficult, and I just don't have the strength to smile through it.

I also don't have the strength for people to trauma-dump on me or to want to know what's wrong with me since I'm not making myself available to help them through their issues.

How do I politely tell people to leave me alone while I work through this?

— Exhausted

Dear Exhausted: It is completely natural for you to want to retreat. And if privacy is what you need — then that is what you should have.

However — I hope you could imagine the possibility of receiving support from some of the very people you seek to avoid.

If they are trauma vampires, then back away. But some of the people who have been taking from you might be grateful to be offered the opportunity to give back. You will never know their capabilities until you reveal your own vulnerability.

Any statement you make should be clear and concise — and you should be prepared to repeat it.

Something like: "I'm going through some difficult stuff right now and I

need some privacy while I work things out. I'll get in touch down the road. I appreciate your patience."

People — even people who care very much about you — will be uncomfortable with this, because if you change your way of relating to them, then they might have to change.

I hope you are lucky enough to have at least one person in your life who doesn't expect you to be Merry Sunshine.

Recognize that exposing your own broken places — even if only to yourself — can lead to a liberating reveal: It's OK to put your smile in your pocket for a while, as you access your own messy humanity.

You should also seek professional counseling. A good therapist will offer support as you experience what life is like without putting on a brave face.

Dear Amy: "Stella" and I have been friends for more than 25 years. We were both pregnant with our first children when we met, and since then have been through the ups and downs of marriage and motherhood together.

One of the things that bonded us at the beginning of our relationship was that we both experienced very traumatic childhoods.

Over the years, however, I have gotten a lot of treatment and am no longer ruled by my past. Stella, however, is still not well.

She very much wants to spend more time with me, but I find being around her these days to be both annoying and painful.

We are in a group of moms who have known each other all these years, our kids grew up together

and she lives nearby, so there is no cutting her loose. I don't want to hurt her, but also can't think of anything I could say to explain my withdrawal that wouldn't be hurtful to her. Your thoughts?

— Concerned

Dear Concerned: Give your friend love with limits.

You have known one another for a quarter century. Your lives are both likely entering a transition period, as your children move into adulthood.

Be kind, firm and truthful: "I wish I could be there for you in the way you need, but I can't. You and I have both had such steep hills to climb. My therapy helped me so much. I wish the same for you."

Understand that because of her neediness, even the most gentle truth might be hard for her to take.

Dear Amy: Responding to "Nervous," who had planned and then canceled her wedding (due to the pandemic), my husband and I canceled the planned big wedding, got married in a small ceremony and then sent out invitations to family for an "I do BBQ."

On the invitation we had a photo of us from the small wedding with the announcement that we decided to basically elope and that we were inviting others to celebrate with us in our backyard the following weekend.

I have absolutely no regrets.
— Finally Married

Dear Married: I like it!

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Getting your body to perform according to your expectations could be a challenge today. You might have an inflated view of your physical capabilities. Others are probably more understanding of your limits than you are.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): A secret you feel ashamed of could loom large in your mind today. You might find it helpful to figure out how much of your pain comes from feeling isolated. That said, there's a difference between destructive secrecy and healthy discretion. Privacy can give you space to work things out without feedback.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Throwing yourself into your social life might be a little exhausting at the moment. Totally baring your soul could leave you feeling emotionally wrung out. The rewards of being validated may be worth it to you, but just be realistic about the energy level you're likely to have after.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Getting the approval of an authority figure may be significant for you now. There could also be a sense of compromise involved — you could feel like you have to sacrifice something. Try to discern the difference between experiences you had in the past and what's being demanded of you.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Passionate beliefs could carry you through your day. While you might worry that allowing space for any doubt calls the purity of your faith into question, perhaps that's not the healthiest way to view the situation. Maybe you just haven't learned everything yet.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Generosity could be a complicated issue for you right now. Perhaps someone is giving you lavish gifts, and the situation is beginning to feel awkward. Sorting out why you feel uncomfortable can guide your next steps. If you suspect the other person is trying to manipulate you, you need to back away.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You might currently idealize someone as a teacher figure. While it's okay to learn from this person, elevated expectations are likely to lead to disappointment. Though looking at things realistically may seem less exciting, you can put yourself on surer footing.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Satisfying a craving for tasty food may seem urgent. Your bigger picture could include needs that aren't otherwise met, such as lack of security, and snacking on treats might be a way of addressing them. Use your longings as information that identifies what's missing.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Settling old scores is currently very possible. Specifically, you could have a great time rediscovering a sport or video game you enjoyed when you were younger. The most rewarding competition available to you may be against past versions of yourself. You're more powerful now.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Building a truly nurturing home base may be possible for you at present. Your greatest source for information on how to do things right could be difficult living experiences you've had in the past — look to them to understand what you definitely don't want in your immediate environment.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Chatting up the people around you could be exciting. However, after a while, you might wonder why you're doing it. If you realize that you're just talking to hear yourself talk, take a break to listen. Being a little too conversational isn't the fault of your current companions.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): You could go for a big impulse purchase at this time. You're not likely to hold back from anything that catches your eye. While treating yourself isn't necessarily wrong, being able to buy what you want now may also be a way of compensating for a past time. Stay focused.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Aug. 15, 1769, Napoleon Bonaparte was born on the island of Corsica.

In 1914, the Panama Canal officially opened as the SS Ancon crossed the just-completed waterway

between the Pacific and Atlantic oceans.

In 1935, humorist Will Rogers and aviator Wiley Post were killed when their airplane crashed near Point Barrow in the Alaska Territory.

In 1947, India became independent after some 200 years of British rule.

In 1961, as workers began

constructing a Berlin Wall made of concrete, East German soldier Conrad Schumann leapt to freedom over a tangle of barbed wire.

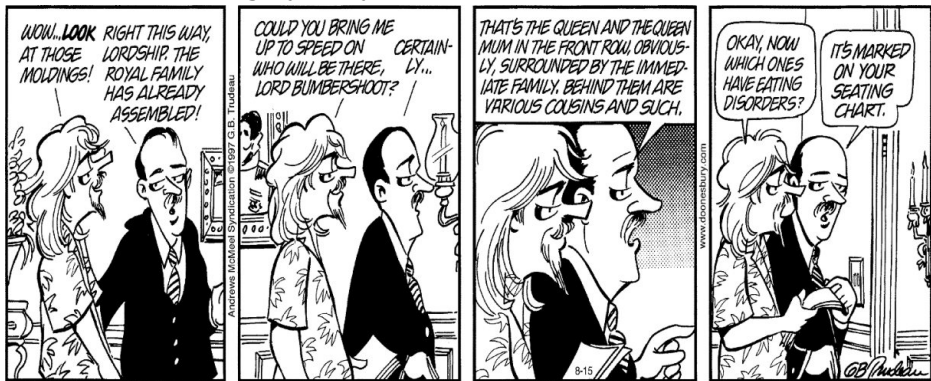
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In 1971, President Richard Nixon announced a 90-day freeze on wages, prices and rents.

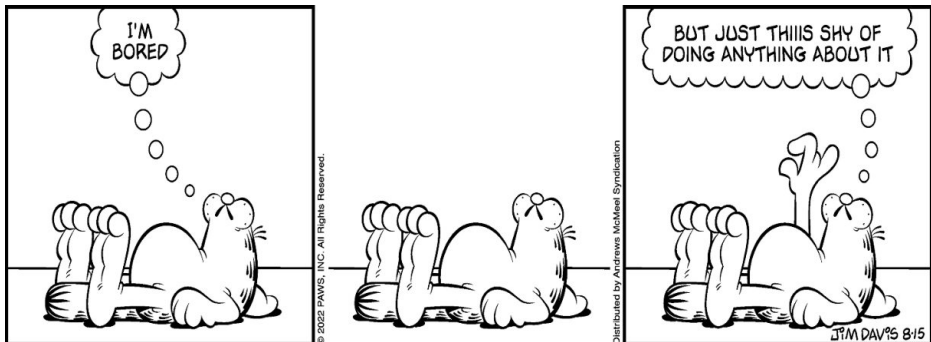
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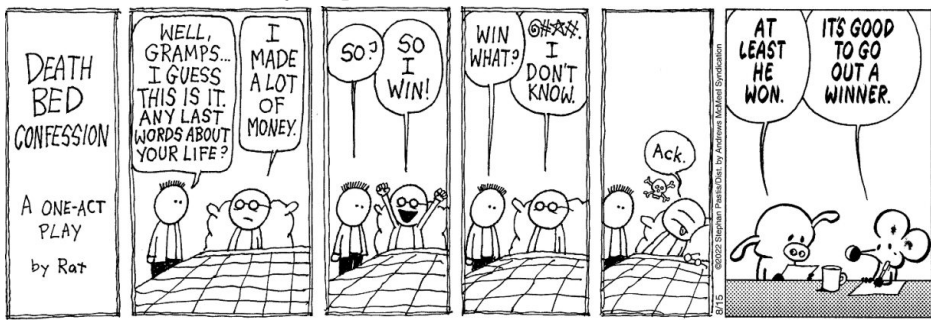
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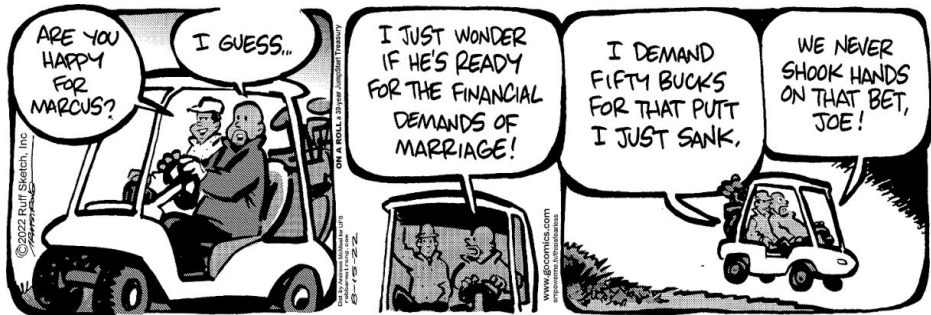
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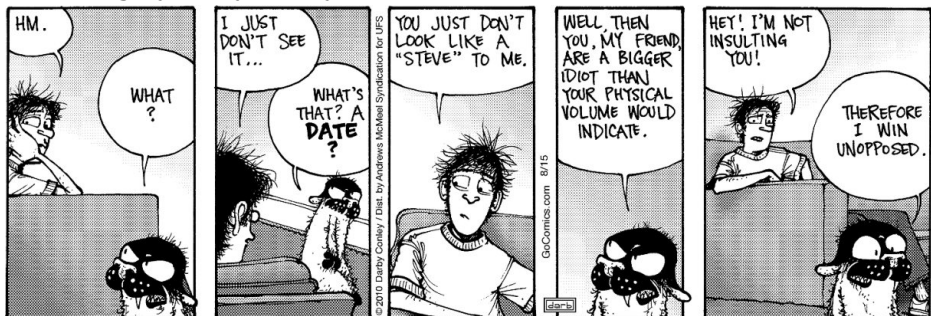
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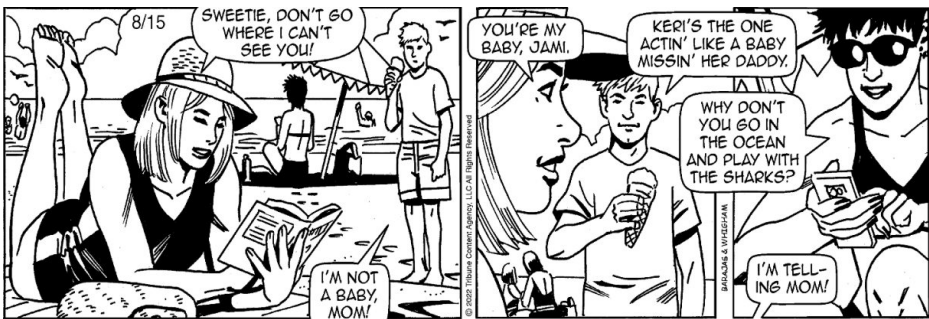
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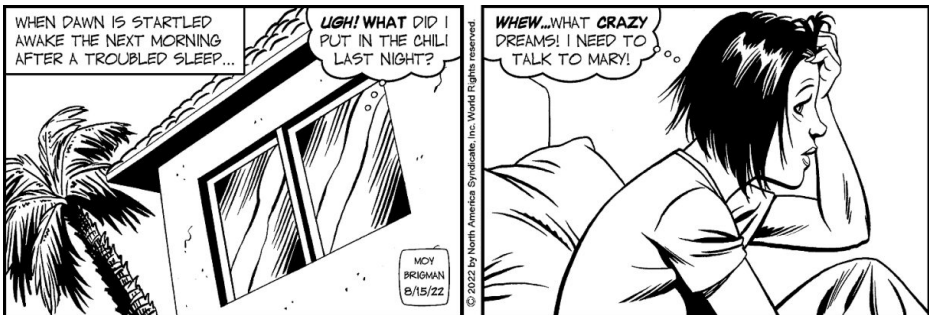
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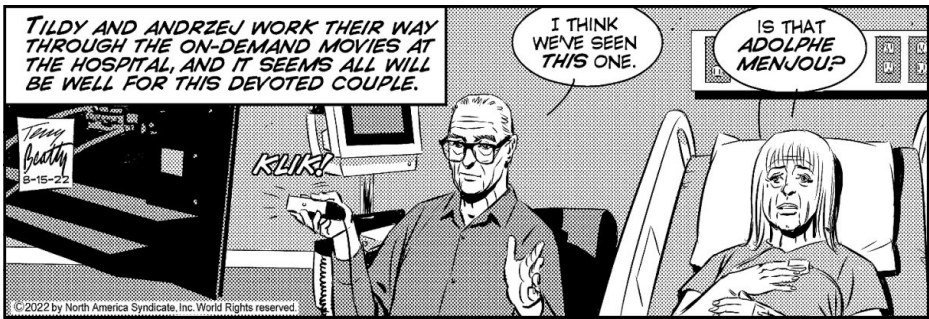
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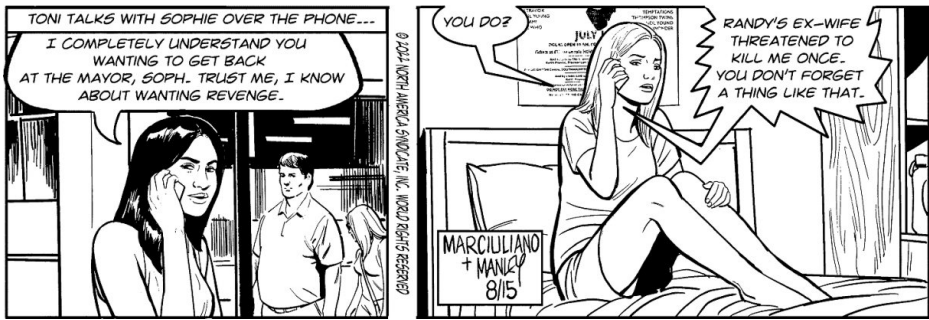
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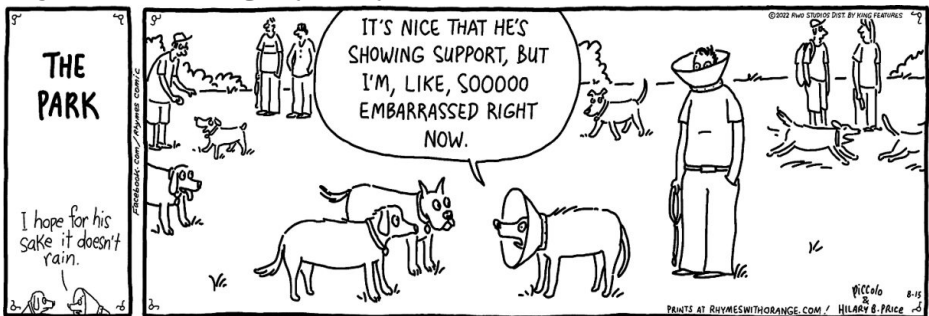
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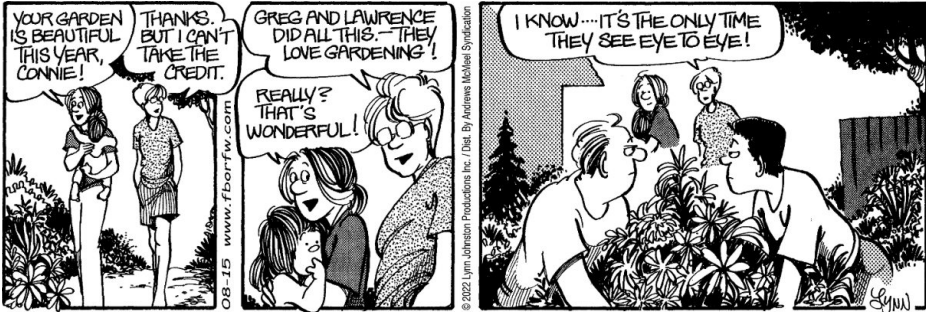
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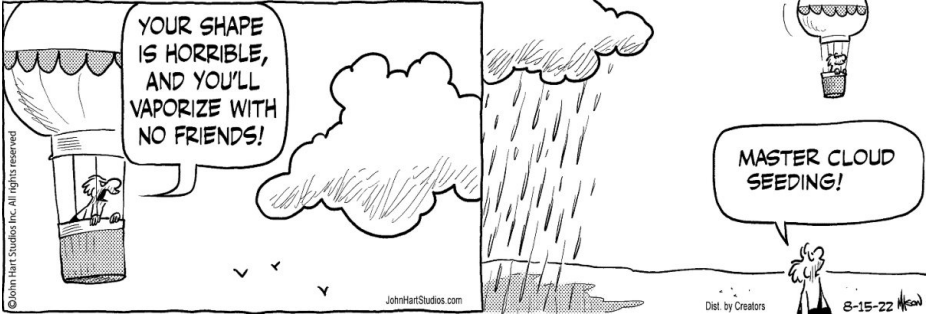
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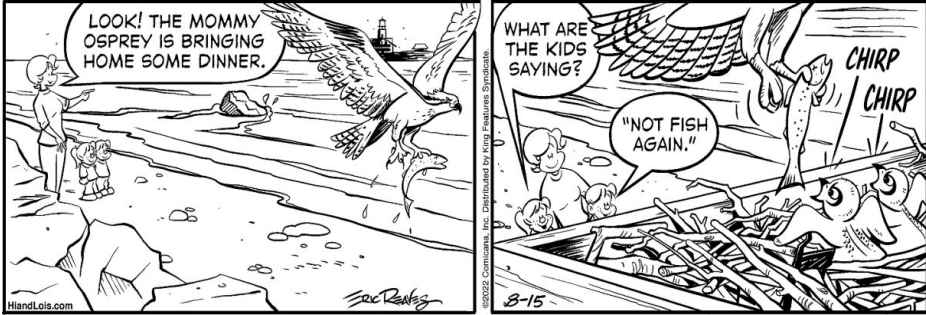
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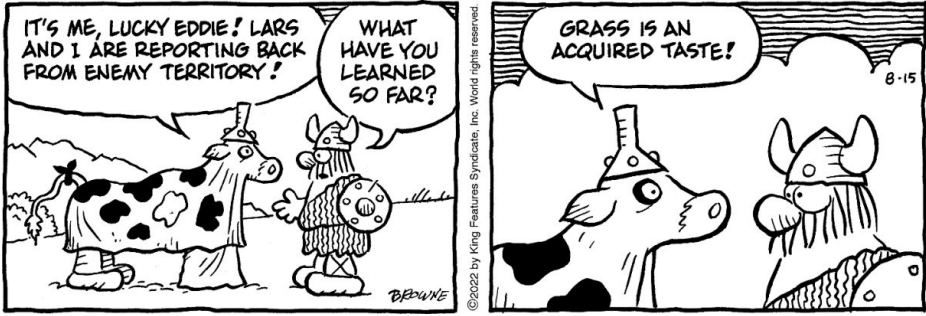
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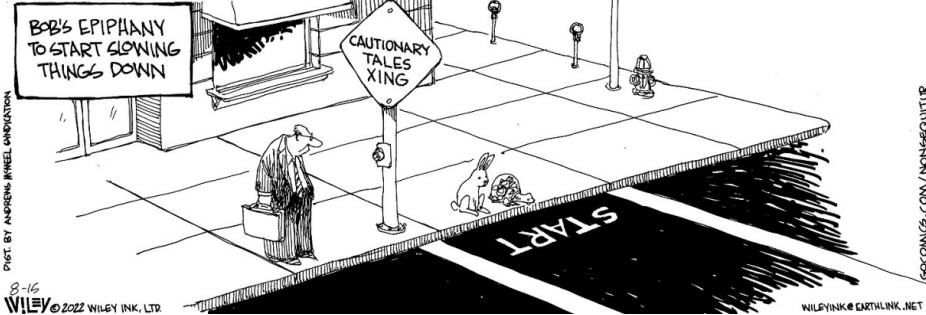
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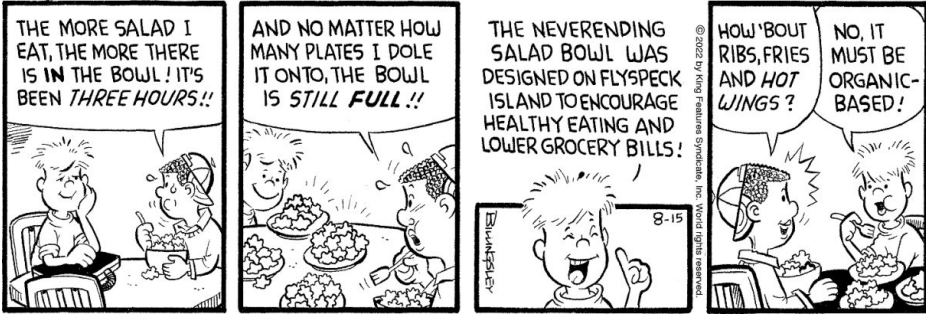
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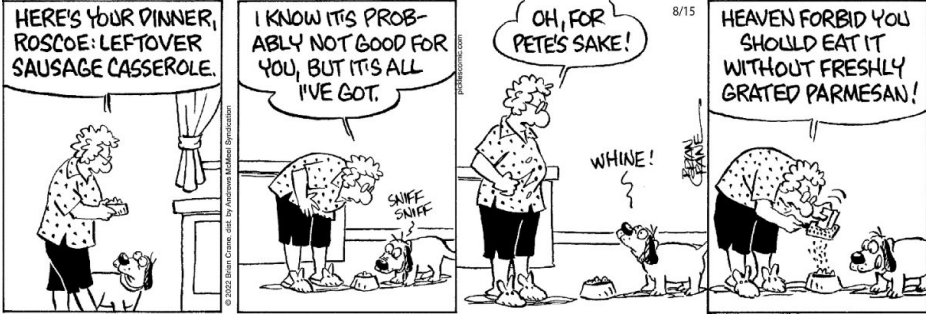
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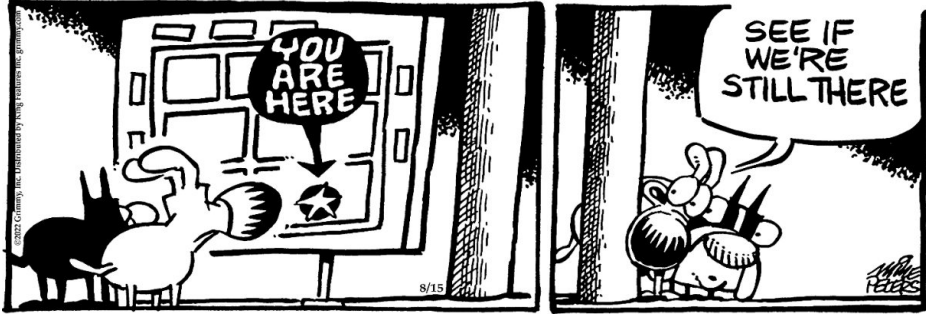
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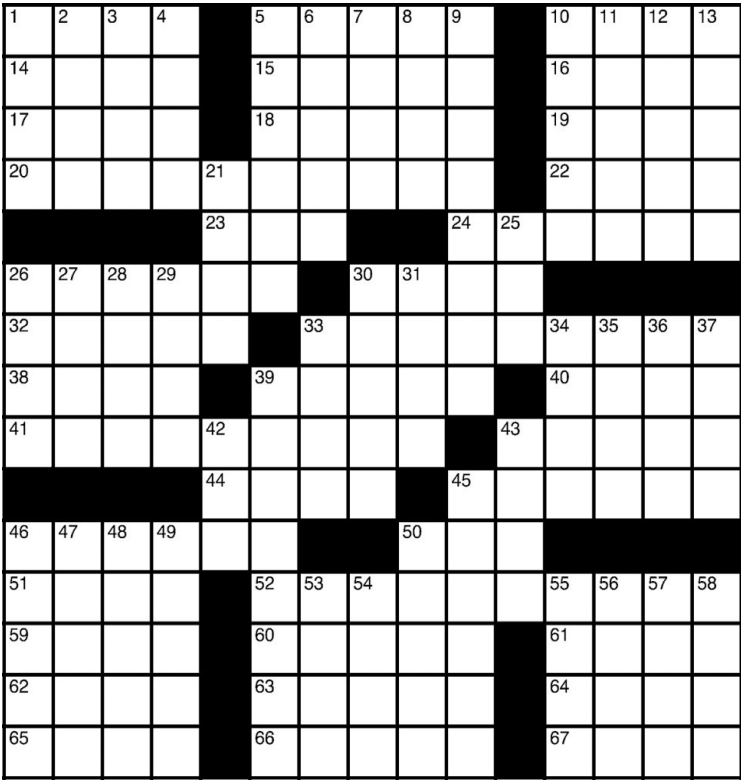
Mother Goose And Grimm By Mike Peters



CROSSWORD

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- Across**
- 1 ___ the fat
 - 5 Fill, as a teddy bear
 - 10 Bonneville Salt Flats state
 - 14 Toy block brand with Creator
 - 15 Pitch-fixing pro
 - 16 Indian flatbread
 - 17 Hankering
 - 18 Submit taxes online
 - 19 Severely overcook
 - 20 Awesome event in military history?
 - 22 Desertlike
 - 23 Signs off on
 - 24 Tree in a tray
 - 26 Penne and pappardelle
 - 30 Minor mistake
 - 32 Scrub energetically
 - 33 Awesome side at a barbecue?
 - 38 Comic ___: casual typeface
 - 39 Warty jumpers
 - 40 "That is a fact"
 - 41 Awesome double Dutch accessory?
 - 43 Judy Blume's "Tales of a Fourth Nothing"
 - 44 Softball scores
 - 45 Telephoned
 - 46 Hypothetical scenario
 - 50 Hotmail alternative
 - 51 A pop
 - 52 Awesome tennis racket?
 - 59 Digging
- Down**
- 1 Sandwich type
 - 2 Sandwich type
 - 3 Spaghetti carbonara ingredients
 - 4 Misfortunes
 - 5 Swordfish servings
 - 6 Clumps of fur
 - 7 Scoville ___: chili pepper heat measurement
 - 8 Succumbed to gravity
 - 9 Giveaways for sampling, e.g.
 - 10 "Blue Ain't Your Color" country singer Keith
 - 11 Travels with the band
 - 12 Open courtyards
 - 13 Asian language related to Urdu
 - 21 Wild pig
 - 25 Choose (to)
 - 26 Hissed "Hey!"
 - 27 Smoothie bowl berry
 - 28 Spotify selection
 - 29 Booty
 - 30 Scoreless Scrabble turns
 - 31 News story opening, in journalism jargon
 - 33 Shortly
 - 34 ___-Alt-Del
 - 35 Spoken, not written
 - 36 Disrespectful
 - 37 "___ a lift?"
 - 39 Artisan chocolate treats
 - 42 Uni- + bi-
 - 43 Huge bash
 - 45 Quakes in fear
 - 46 Put on a scale
 - 47 Vietnam's capital
 - 48 Played a role
 - 49 "The ones I'm pointing at"
 - 50 Ed of "Up"
 - 53 Jeté, e.g.
 - 54 Lotus pose discipline
 - 55 Smartphone message
 - 56 Subdue, as wild hair
 - 57 Neck and neck
 - 58 Tenant's monthly payment



By Carly Schuna Tribune Content Agency 8/15/22

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

West dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ J 10 8
♥ A Q 10 8
♦ A 10 2
♣ 8 6 2

WEST

♠ Q 9 5 4
♥ —
♦ 8 6 5
♣ A Q 9 7 5 4

EAST

♠ A K 6 2
♥ 6 5 4 3
♦ 9 7
♣ K J 3

SOUTH

♠ 7 3
♥ K J 9 7 2
♦ K Q J 4 3
♣ 10

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1 ♣ Pass 1 ♥
Pass 2 ♥ Pass 2 ♠
Pass 3 ♥ Pass 4 ♥
Opening lead — four of spades.

Famous Hand

Advocates of light opening bids, who tend to live on the edge of many auctions, can point to this deal as proof of the effectiveness of their methods. The deal occurred in the semifinals of the 1999 U.S. International Team Trials.

When the deal was first played, Ralph Katz and Roger Bates reached four hearts on the bidding shown. Katz's one-club opening on a balanced 11-point hand effectively kept East-West out of the bidding, allowing Bates and Katz to reach their laydown four-heart game unimpeded. Along the way, Bates threw in a psychic two-spade call for good measure, and the duo wound up plus 420.

At the other table, the opposing North, Chuck Burger, passed in second seat, enabling East, Peter Weichsel, to open one

diamond (Weichsel and Alan Sontag, his partner, were playing Precision Club) on his 11-point hand. This led to the following competitive sequence that ended with Weichsel-Sontag reaching four spades:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1 ♦	1 ♥
2 ♣	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
2 ♠	3 ♥	4 ♠	

With trumps breaking normally, 11 tricks were there for the taking, giving Sontag-Weichsel a score of 650 points. Combined with the 420 points gained by their teammates at the other table, this gave them a pickup of 14 IMPs in a match they eventually won by 29.

Tomorrow: Two ways are better than one.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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FTIWS

CUGOHR

NIYKSN

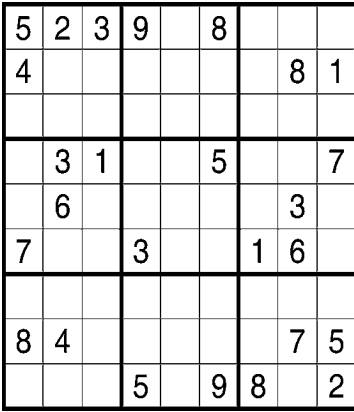
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

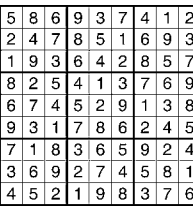
Saturday's Jumbles: SENSE WATCH PIGLET COBALT
Answer: The young detective hoped she could lead the investigation, but that — WASN'T THE CASE

TODAY'S SUDOKU

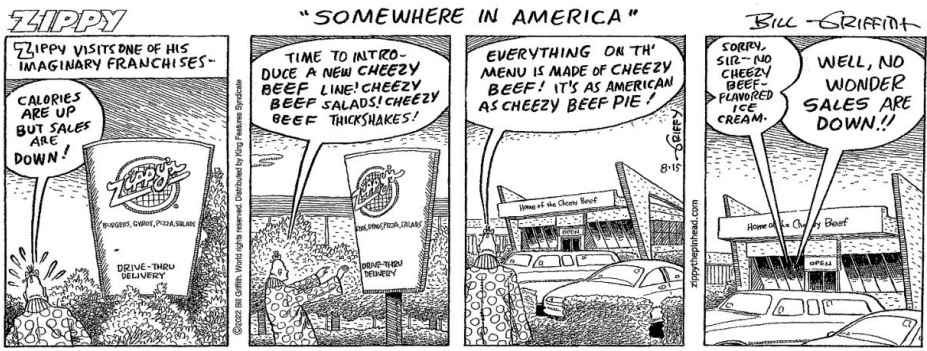


Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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RFP # 2023-003

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South Windsor Public Schools
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South Windsor, CT, 06074
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TO: Luis Pena-Rivera, father, or the father of Xander Yael Arroyo born on 12/14/2020 in Springfield, MA to Xiomara Lee Arroyo: A petition has been presented to this court by DCF, seeking as to the following child: Xander Yael Arroyo that said child be found in need of care and protection and committed to the Department of Children and Families. The court may dispense the rights of the person(s) named herein to receive notice of or to consent to any legal proceeding affecting the adoption, custody, or guardianship or any other disposition of the child named herein, if it finds that the child is in need of care and protection and that the best interests of the child would be served by said disposition.
You are hereby ORDERED to appear in this court, at the court address set forth above, on the following date and time: 08/30/2022 at 9:00 AM Other Hearing
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COUNSELING SUITE RENOVATIONS
CATHERINE MCGEE MIDDLE SCHOOL
899 NORTON ROAD
BERLIN, CT
BID # 2023-05

Sealed bids addressed to the Town of Berlin for Counseling Suite Renovations, Catherine McGee Middle School, 899 Norton Road, Berlin, CT will be received by Ms. Maryssa Tsolis, Purchasing Agent, Room 120, Berlin Town Hall, 240 Kensington Road, Berlin, CT, 06037, no later than 1:00 PM local time on Thursday, September 1, 2022, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Complete bid documents can be viewed and ordered through Advanced Reprographics, LLC, 50 Corporate Avenue, Plainville, CT, 06062.
For viewing: Visit www.advancedrepro.net, select "Planroom"; select "Public Jobs". Documents will be available Monday, August 15, 2022.
To obtain an electronic or paper set of bid documents: An electronic or paper set, containing all contract documents may be purchased directly from Advanced Reprographics for \$65.00 per set. This is a purchase and is not refundable.
As security, each Bid must be accompanied by a Certified Check or Cashier's Check drawn upon either a State Bank and Trust Company or a National Banking Association, to the order of the Town of Berlin, or the Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond having as surety thereto, such Surety Company or Companies as are authorized to do business in the State of Connecticut, of an amount not less than 5% of the Bid.
The successful Bidder shall furnish Performance, Labor and Material Payment Bonds, each for 100% of the Contract Sum. Bidders shall not include Federal Excise or State of Connecticut Sales Tax to which Public Buildings are exempt.
After opening of the Bids, no Bid can be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days.
After review of all factors, terms and conditions, including price, the Town of Berlin reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, or any part thereof, or waive defects in same, or accept any proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Berlin.
The Town of Berlin does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, physical disability, religion or national origin.
A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Thursday, August 18, 2022, at 11:00 AM, at the Catherine McGee Middle School, 899 Norton Road, Berlin, CT. It is recommended that all Bidders attend.
Maryssa Tsolis
Purchasing Agent
Town of Berlin
8/15/2022 7270013

Liquor Notices

LIQUOR PERMIT NOTICE OF APPLICATION

This is to give notice that I, **JAMES M DUNN, 4310 CRESCENT ST APT 3606 LONG ISLAND CITY, NY 11101-4294**, Have filed an application placarded **08/15/2022** with the Department of Consumer Protection for a **RESTAURANT LIQUOR PERMIT** for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at **51 ISHAM RD WEST HARTFORD CT 06107-2205**. The business will be owned by **ROSA MEXICANO WEST HARTFORD LLC**. Entertainment will consist of: No Live Entertainment Objections must be filed by: 09-26-2022.

08/15/2022
JAMES M DUNN
8/15, 8/22/2022 7267594

LIQUOR PERMIT NOTICE OF APPLICATION

This is to give notice that I, **JAMES DELORGE II, 31 HIGH ST APT 5205 EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118-1876**, Have filed an application placarded **08/15/2022** with the Department of Consumer Protection for a **HOTEL LIQUOR (50000 or less population) PERMIT** for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at **65 ELLA GRASSO TPKE WINDSOR LOCKS CT 06096-1016**. The business will be owned by **HOMWOOD SUITES MANAGEMENT LLC**. Entertainment will consist of: No Live Entertainment Objections must be filed by: 09-26-2022.

08/15/2022
JAMES DELORGE II
8/15, 8/22/2022 7268178

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WEATHER

MONDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and seasonable. Easterly wind around 5 mph.

HIGH 83° LOW 60°

TUESDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and seasonable.

HIGH 82° LOW 62°

WEDNESDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mixed clouds and sunshine.

HIGH 78° LOW 61°

THURSDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and warm.

HIGH 82° LOW 61°

FRIDAY







SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly sunny and quite warm.

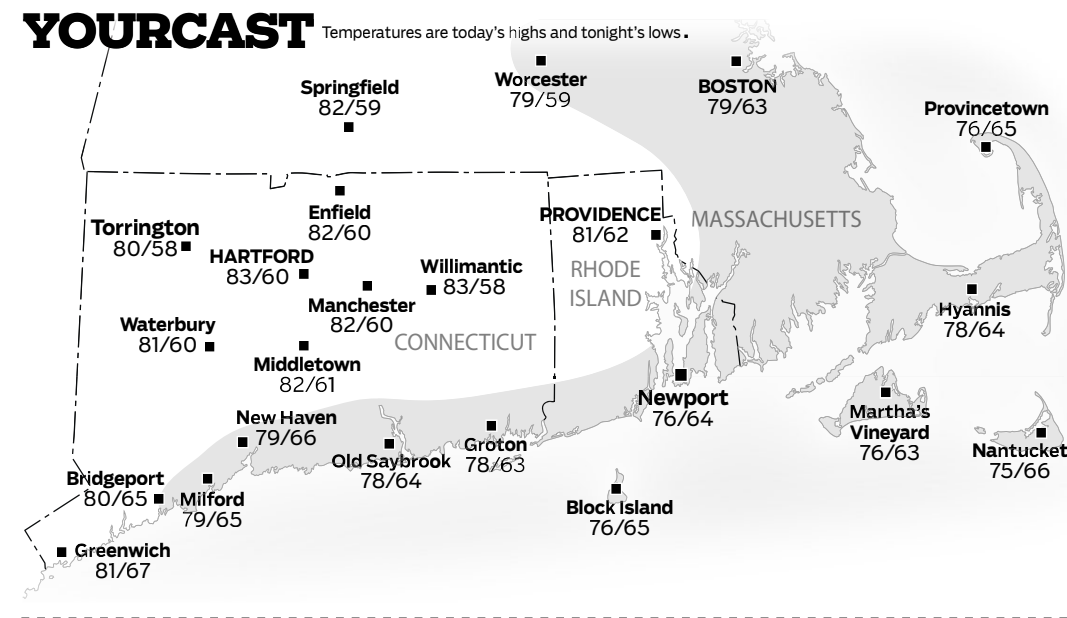
HIGH 87° LOW 64°

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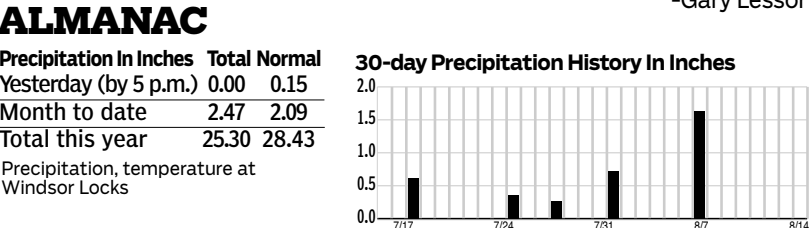
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OUTLOOK

High pressure will bring partly sunny skies on Monday along with a continuation of the unseasonably low humidity levels. Dew points will be in the 50s. High temperatures will range from the upper 70s to the mid-80s. It will be partly sunny on Tuesday with little change in temperature or humidity levels. In prior forecasts there was a chance for some beneficial precipitation on Wednesday, but that no longer appears to be the case. At best, there could be a stray shower at some point this week. There is no oppressive heat or humidity in the forecast.

-Gary Lessor



Air Quality Forecast For Today

Good	High	Moderate	81°
Air Quality Today	Ultraviolet index Today	Pollen Count Yesterday	Heat Index Today

Today Tomorrow

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	5:59 a.m.	6:00 a.m.
Sunset	7:52 p.m.	7:51 p.m.
Moonrise	10:05 p.m.	10:28 p.m.
Moonset	10:00 a.m.	11:09 a.m.


River Stage at Hartford: 3.00 feet at 5:30 p.m.


Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B.I. Sound
Weather	PCloudy	PCloudy	PCloudy
Wind	E, 5-10	E, 5-10	NE/E, 5-10
Seas	1 ft.	1 ft.	2 ft.


Temperature


	High	Low
Sunday	84 at 3:09 p.m.	54 at 5:33 a.m.
Normal for date	84	62
Record for date	99 in 2002	46 in 1941
A year ago	90	67
Range this year	97	-2

Moon Phase

 Last Aug 19

 New Aug 27

 First Sept 3

 Full Sept 10

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND

Bangor	81 56 PC	Baltimore	77 59 C	Nashville	85 67 PC	San Juan	91 79 R	Budapest	91 70 PC
Burlington	80 58 PC	Bismarck	83 61 PC	New Orleans	93 78 PC	Tucson	100 79 PC	Lisbon	81 65 S
Caribou	80 57 PC	Boise	95 65 S	New York	82 67 PC			London	85 65 SH
Concord	79 55 PC	Buffalo	80 61 PC	Okl. City	101 76 S			Madrid	88 65 S
Montpelier	76 52 PC	Charleston	91 73 S	Omaha	79 65 C			Mexico City	70 52 SH
Mt. Wash.	52 42 C	Cincinnati	79 62 C	Orlando	91 75 T			Milan	90 66 SH
Portland	78 58 PC	Cleveland	77 61 PC	Pittsburgh	70 57 SH			Montreal	80 62 PC
Woods Hole	77 60 PC	Indianapolis	79 61 PC	Raleigh	75 64 SH			Moscow	86 65 PC
		Jacksonville	92 70 S	St. Louis	82 66 C			Nassau	86 81 SH
		Las Vegas	100 82 PC	Salt Lake City	92 68 S			New Delhi	87 77 SH
		Miami Beach	90 77 T	San Antonio	96 76 PC			Paris	84 66 SH
		Milwaukee	73 60 PC	San Diego	79 69 PC			Prague	84 63 SH
								Rio de Janeiro	80 70 S
								Rome	89 71 PC
								Seoul	85 70 SH
								Singapore	90 77 SH

WORLD

Amsterdam	82 63 C	Dubai	101 88 PC	Buenos Aires	64 46 SH
Athens	90 71 S	Dublin	70 59 SH	Cairo	99 72 S
Bangkok	92 78 SH	Edinburgh	68 57 SH	Cancun	90 79 S
Barbados	84 77 SH	Helsinki	77 65 PC		
Beijing	94 69 PC	Hong Kong	86 76 SH		
Beirut	86 78 S	Istanbul	84 72 SH		
Berlin	86 66 PC	Jerusalem	85 65 S		
Bermuda	86 80 SH	Johannesburg	62 37 S		

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